



# School Fees Information 2019 Updates

## Fee Requirements

### At a Glance



- If a fee is charged to any student, the fee is subject to fee waiver.
- Fees may not be charged in elementary schools for an activity, class, or program during the regular school day.
- Fees may be charged in secondary schools, but are subject to state law, including fee waiver provisions.
- An LEA's policies shall be designed to minimize student expenditures for school-sponsored activities, classes or programs including: uniforms, clubs, clinics, travel, and additional organizations.
- An LEA may not, as a result of unpaid fees: exclude a student from school; refuse to issue a course grade; or withhold official student records, such as class schedules, registration materials, diplomas or transcripts.
- Expenditures for extracurricular uniforms, costumes, clothing, or accessories that are required for participation are subject to fee waiver.
- Schools may not charge a fee unless the fee has been approved by the local Board by April 1, with at least two opportunities for public comment.

School Year  
2019-2020

- Expensive school uniforms are fees and subject to waivers.
- New Certificate of Compliance web-based forms and process
- New HB250 definitions in effect

School Year  
2020-2021

- Fee schedule approval - April 1 deadline, public notice, public meeting, 2 public comment opportunities
- New fee schedule rules include spend plans

School Year  
2021-2022

- LEAs cannot use one fee to subsidize another fee or waiver
- Fees must be equal or less than the cost of activity
- Board may take corrective action

School Year  
2022-2023

- LEA may not sell textbooks or charge a textbook fee



## Updates Since Feb 2019

- **R277-407-2(23)** Definition of textbooks excludes instructional equipment (becomes property of student) and instructional supply (consumable or non-reusable supply such as footwear, art brushes, wood).
- **R277-407-4(5)** Clarification that a fee for supplemental kindergarten held *outside* of the regular kindergarten hours can be charged and is subject to fee waivers.
- **R277-407-6(3)** Allow for changes to the fee schedule after April 1st if the same approval process is followed.
- **R277-407-5** Can charge a fee, subject to waivers, for the cost to access (wifi) software or digital content. Beginning SY 2022-2023 *cannot* charge for the digital content (instructional materials) included in the textbook definition.
- **R277-407-6(4)** An LEA shall include the total per student amount expected to be received through required group fundraising as part of the maximum fee amount for an activity.
- **R277-407-13(3)** Spend plan purpose and description provides students, parents, and employees transparency by identifying a fee's funding uses.

\* This document is not an exhaustive list under Utah Code and Board rule, but is meant to be a summary.

Additional info: [www.schools.utah.gov/schoolfees](http://www.schools.utah.gov/schoolfees)