



TLC ACADEMY STUDENT POLICIES

STUDENT FEES

POLICY

(SUGGESTED BY LAW)

The governing body of an open-enrollment charter school may require a student to pay any fee that the Board of Trustees of a school may charge under [Section 11.158\(a\)](#). The governing body may not require a student to pay a fee that the Board of Trustees of a school may not charge under [Section 11.158\(b\)](#). See [TEX. EDUC. CODE § 12.108\(b\)](#).

The School's Board of Directors authorizes the School's Chief Executive Officer to adopt a "Student Fee Schedule" **requiring payment of the following categories of student fees**, as permitted by [Education Code § 11.158\(a\)](#), and as set forth in the Student Fee Schedule:

1. a fee for materials used in any program in which the resultant product in excess of minimum requirements becomes, at the student's option, the personal property of the student, if the fee does not exceed the cost of materials;
2. membership dues in student organizations or clubs, and admission fees or charges for attending extracurricular activities, if membership or attendance is voluntary;
3. a security deposit for the return of materials, supplies, or equipment;
4. a fee for personal physical education and athletic equipment and apparel, although any student may provide his or her own equipment or apparel if it meets reasonable requirements and standards relating to health and safety established by the Board;
5. a fee for items of personal use or products that a student may purchase at the student's option, such as student publications, class rings, annuals, and graduation announcements;
6. a fee specifically permitted by any other statute;
7. a fee for an authorized voluntary student health and accident benefit plan;
8. a reasonable fee, not to exceed the actual annual maintenance cost, for the use of musical instruments and uniforms owned or rented by the School;
9. a fee for items of personal apparel that become the property of the student, and that are used in extracurricular activities;

10. a parking fee or a fee for an identification card;
11. a fee for a driver training course, not to exceed the actual School cost per student in the program for the current school year;
12. a fee for a course offered for credit that requires the use of facilities not available on School premises, or the employment of an educator who is not part of the School's regular staff, if participation in the course is at the student's option;
13. a fee for a course offered during summer school, except that the Board may charge a fee for a course required for graduation only if the course is also offered without a fee during the regular school year;
14. a reasonable fee for transportation of a student who lives within two miles of the School the student attends, to and from that School, except that the Board may not charge a fee for transportation for which the School receives funds under [Education Code Section 42.155\(d\)](#); or
15. a reasonable fee, not to exceed \$50, for costs associated with an educational program offered outside of regular school hours through which a student who was absent from class receives instruction voluntarily for the purpose of making up the missed instruction and meeting the level of attendance required under [Education Code Section 25.092](#).

In accordance with Education Code [§ 11.158\(b\)](#) and [§ 12.108](#), the following student fees **may not** be charged to students:

1. textbooks, workbooks, laboratory supplies, or other supplies necessary for participation in any instructional course except as authorized under this code;
2. field trips required as a part of a basic education program or course;
3. any specific form of dress necessary for any required educational program or diplomas;
4. the payment of instructional costs for necessary school personnel employed in any course or educational program required for graduation;
5. library books required to be used for any educational course or program, other than fines for lost, damaged, or overdue books;
6. admission to any activity the student is required to attend as a prerequisite to graduation;
7. admission to or examination in any required educational course or program; or
8. lockers.

The Chief Executive Officer shall see that the Student Fee Schedule is disseminated, as appropriate, to all students and parents.

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