

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48 (SEA to SKY)

## POLICY SERIES 600 - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

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### **INSTRUCTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS** **Student Fees and Deposits**

The Board of Education, School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky), recognizes its obligation to provide an educational program that is free of charge to all students who reside in School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky). This is in accordance with statutory requirements regarding the collection of student fees and deposits.

1. Section 82 of the *School Act* states,
  - (1) A board must provide free of charge to every student of school age resident in British Columbia and enrolled in an educational program in a school operated by the board,
    - (a) instruction in an educational program sufficient to meet the general requirements for graduation,
    - (b) instruction in an educational program after the student has met the general requirements for graduation, and
    - (c) educational resource materials necessary to participate in the educational program.
2. Fees charged for specialty academies, trades programs and musical instruments intended for personal use are based on recovery of direct additional costs to the school or the district arising from offering the program and are established in accordance with the relevant regulations.
3. Fees charged for optional education programs and activities are:
  - 3.1 Set in accordance with district guidelines,
  - 3.2 Based on cost-recovery of direct additional costs,
  - 3.3 Kept to a minimum
4. The Board may charge fees for goods and services in accordance with statutory requirements as amended. The Board may also require refundable or partly refundable deposits for educational resource materials in accordance with Section 82 of the *School Act*.
5. The Board will ensure that a schedule of fees and deposits required is published prior to the beginning of the school year and is available to students and parents/guardians.
6. To ensure that fees and deposits do not become a barrier to student participation in educational programs, the Board will ensure the facilitation of fair and confidential procedures which will allow participation in activities, courses or programs by students who would otherwise be excluded due to financial hardship.

The Regulation accompanying this Policy provides further direction on student fees and Deposits.