

2013-2014 FEES DISCUSSION

REGIONAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
OCTOBER 29, 2012

7 STEP PROCESS

1. Review and Revise Admin Procedure 505 (Name, Def., Clarity, Uses)
2. Communicate Fee Information to Parents - Letter
3. **Presentation at Regional School Council**
4. Trustee presents and facilitates discussion at school council – Principal record results of discussion.
5. Trustee submits feedback to Division Office
6. Results discussed at January Admin Council and January Regional School Council
7. Results brought forward to the Board at the February Board Meeting for discussion and Board Motion.

STEP 3: PRESENTATION AT RSC

- LEGISLATION – AB EDUCATION
- LRSD ADMIN PROCEDURE 505
- COMMUNICATION
- HISTORY
- QUESTIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL
(DISCUSS AND DEBATE)

SCHOOL ACT



SECTION 60(2)(j) “A board may charge a parent of a student fees with respect to instructional supplies of materials”

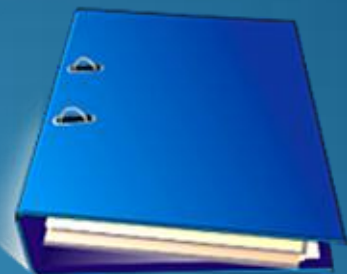
ALBERTA EDUCATION

“The *School Act* allows for certain fees to be collected for ... instructional supplies and materials.”

“Local school boards determine school fees or, school principals can establish fees in consultation with the school council”

“Fees may be charged for supplies and materials provided for the student's personal use or consumption. The fees charged are usually on a cost recovery basis”

LRSD ADMIN PROCEDURE 505





LETTER TO PARENTS

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

- Instructional Supplies and Material Fee have been the same rates since 1995.
- Collection rates range from 81% to 96% over that time period with an average of 87% over the last 5 years.
- Fees collected represent about 9% of schools supplies budget.
- LRSD rates are not the lowest but are on the low end compared to 2011-2012 rates of other divisions in Southern Alberta

STEP 4: BOARD CHAIR/PRINCIPAL

- INVITE PARENTS TO YOUR NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE DIVISIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS FEE.

STEP 4: TRUSTEE

PRESENT INFO AND FACILITATE DISCUSSION AT REGULAR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

- Included for support
 - PowerPoint presentation
 - Questions to guide discussion
 - Principal to be recorder
 - Start after November 13 Board Meeting

AS A SCHOOL COUNCIL DO
YOU SUPPORT THE CHARGING
OF A FEE TO OFFSET THE
STUDENT CONSUMED
PORTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL
SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS?

**IF YES – PLEASE PROVIDE
RATIONALE.**

IF NO – PLEASE PROVIDE
RATIONALE.

STEP 5:

TRUSTEE SUBMITS FEEDBACK FROM
SCHOOL COUNCILS BY END OF
DECEMBER

STEP 6:

RESULTS ARE BROUGHT BACK TO
REGIONAL SCHOOL COUNCIL AND
ADMIN COUNCIL IN JANUARY

STEP 7:

INFORMATION PRESENTED TO BOARD
FOR DISCUSSION AND MOTION AT
FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING