

LIONSGATE ACADEMY

410 STUDENT FEES

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy balances the rights of all public school students to equal access to public education and the rights of Lionsgate Academy to accept voluntary contributions and make certain charges and establish fees.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Consistent with Minnesota Statute, education shall be free and no pupil shall be denied an education because of economic inability to furnish educational books and supplies necessary to complete educational requirements necessary for graduation. Fees shall be established in areas considered extra-curricular, non-curricular or supplementary to the requirement for the successful completion of a class or educational program.

III. AUTHORIZED FEES

Lionsgate Academy may require payment of fees in the following areas:

- A. Any program where the result is a project or a product, in excess of minimum requirements and at the pupil's option, becomes the personal property of the pupil;
- B. admission fees or charges for extracurricular activities, where attendance is optional;
- C. a security deposit for the return of materials, supplies, or equipment;
- D. personal physical education and athletic equipment and apparel, although a pupil may provide his/her own if it meets reasonable requirements and standards relating to health and safety established by the instructor;
- E. items of personal use or products which a student may purchase at his/her own option, such as student publications, class rings, annuals, and graduation announcements;
- F. fees specifically permitted by any other statute; including but not limited to section 171.05, subdivision 2; provided (i) driver education fees do not exceed the actual cost to the school and Lionsgate Academy of providing driver education, and (ii) the driver education courses are open to enrollment to persons between the ages of 15 and 18 who reside or attend Lionsgate Academy in the school district;
- G. field trips considered supplementary to Lionsgate Academy educational program (not mandatory);
- H. any authorized voluntary student health and accident benefit plan;
- I. transportation of pupils to and from extracurricular activities conducted at locations other than school, where attendance is optional;

- J. transportation to and from school of pupils living within two miles from school and all other transportation services not required by law; and
- K. transportation to and from postsecondary institutions for pupils enrolled under the postsecondary enrollment options program under section 123B.88, sub.22.
- L. Students may be required to furnish personal or consumable items including pencils, paper, pens, erasers and notebooks.
- M. School store permitted. Sections 123B.34 to 123B.39 may not preclude the operation of a school store where pupils may purchase school supplies and materials. The school board may waive any deposit or fee if a student or his/her parent or guardian is unable to pay it, including those serving in the military under section 190.05.
- N. Technology Insurance: Families can purchase technology insurance PER STUDENT through the District. This will include coverage for hardware failure, repair, accidental damage including screen repairs, and liquid damage. It does not cover undocumented loss or theft of the device, nor does it cover deliberate or negligent damage to the technology device, cover or charger cord. (There is a cap per family.) Families who do not elect insurance will be responsible for the cost of replacement of either the part or the full device.
- O. Transitions Lab Fee: To cover experiences through Transitions classes, there is a fee requested of all students. (There is a cap per family.) If your student qualifies for educational benefits, the fee will be waived.

IV. PROHIBITED FEES

Lionsgate Academy will not charge fees in the following areas:

- A. textbooks, workbooks, art materials, laboratory supplies, towels, or any supplies necessary for participation in any instructional course;
- B. supplies necessary for participation in any instructional course except as authorized in sections 123B.36 and 123B.38;
- C. field trips which are required as a part of the basic education program of course;
- D. graduation caps, gowns, any specific form of dress necessary for any educational program, and diplomas;
- E. instructional costs for necessary school personnel employed in any course or educational program required for graduation;
- F. library books required to be utilized for any educational course or program;
- G. admission fees, dues, or fees for any activity the pupil is required to attend;
- H. any admission or examination cost for any required educational course or program;
- I. locker rentals;
- J. transportation to and from school of pupils living within the Hopkins School District for Minnetonka students and the Mounds View School District for Shoreview students and two miles or more from school.

V. NONPAYMENT OF FEES

- A. Lionsgate Academy shall not withhold grades or diplomas for nonpayment of student fees; and
- B. no pupil's rights or privileges, including the receipt of grades or diplomas may be denied or abridged for nonpayment of fees; but this provision does not prohibit a district from maintaining any action provided by law for the collection of fees authorized by section 124E.03 Subd 2(c).

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. 124E.03 Subd 2(c)

Minn. Stat. 171.05 Subd 2

Minn. Stat. 123B.88 Subd 22

Minn. Stat. 123B.34 - 123B.39

Minn. Rules Part 3500.1050