

Who sets School fees? Why do they differ between schools?

Each school examines the programs being offered and the basic materials that are required. Costs for additional materials to supplement the program are then calculated, and these costs determine the material fee that is charged to students. Fees are must be set on a cost recovery basis only.

How do I know that FSD is not making a profit by charging fees?

Following concerns from parents, the Board of Trustees approved guidelines to limit the materials and resources for which fees may be charged. Fees shall not be charged for the following: mandatory workbooks; materials or equipment related to core courses, except Field Trip Fees; and classroom instruction.

Fees are strictly used to cover a portion of the costs involved in delivering the program or materials for which they are charged. Some fees are identified to cover the costs to schools of providing specific optional activities, such as field trips, yearbooks, and graduations. The fees related to these activities are not mandatory, should a student choose not to participate.

When are fees due?

Fees are due within 30 days of being assessed. Parents/independent students have a number of payment options including online payment using Visa or MasterCard. Fees may also be paid at the school with cash or cheque.

What are the options if a parent cannot pay the fees?

If circumstances exist where you are unable to pay your student fees, you can apply to have certain fees waived (see [Waiver of Fees](#)).

If it's determined fees aren't eligible to be waived, based on the submitted application, payment plan options may be made with the school's administration.

What if school fees remain unpaid?

If fees are not paid, they will be forwarded to a collection agency.

Why does FSD not use tax generated revenue, instead of charging fees?

School jurisdictions receive funding from Alberta Education. This funding is separate from the local taxes, which are assessed and collected by local municipalities. The provincial government sets provincial education tax rates, and funds collected are allocated to school jurisdictions based on the provincial funding framework. There is no direct correlation between the taxes collected locally for schools and the provincial funding framework.

Have more questions?

[Contact your school](#) directly or review our [Administrative Procedure 506 - Student Fees](#).