

Policy

STUDENT FEES, FINES AND CHARGES

Code: **JQ** Issued **05/18/2017**

Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the assessment of student fees, fines and charges.

The board recognizes that the district may charge student fees to offset the cost of educational materials and supplies. However, the district will not deny any student a basic education because of his/her failure to pay these supplementary charges.

No school will charge a fee that has not been approved by the superintendent/ board.

The superintendent or his/her designee will work with principals to formulate the necessary controls and records to assure that all fees are uniform and held to a minimum.

~~All instructional fees must be approved by the board on an annual basis. The superintendent or his/her designee will work with principals to establish the requisite controls to ensure that school fees are uniform throughout the district.~~

The district will not charge **instructional** fees to students who receive free lunches and will prorate **instructional** fees for students who receive reduced-price lunches. ~~This policy does not apply to school insurance or drivers education, band, elective items, etc.~~

Fines and charges

No students are exempt from charges for books, lockers, materials, supplies or equipment ~~which have been~~ **that are** lost or damaged.

Adopted: 05/18/17

Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
1. Section 59-19-90(8) - ~~General powers and duties of school trustees; charge matriculation and incidental fees.~~ **Authority of board to charge matriculation and incidental fees.**
 2. **Section 59-63-785 – School meal debt collections and exceptions.**

Florence County School District Three
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