

Policy Title	Fees for Learning Materials and Activities		
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References			
Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, Guidelines for Fees for Learning Materials and Activities Memorandum 2011 B02			

1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board policies will support and provide direction necessary to achieve the board's Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan priorities.
- 1.2 Bluewater District School Board believes that every student has a right to attend, and benefit from, programming and resources offered through day school programs, without the payment of a fee, in any area where they are a student of the board.

2.0 POLICY

- 2.1 Bluewater District School Board will ensure that, through the appropriate allocation of funds provided by the Ministry of Education, all students in the district are able to benefit from day school programming without payment of a fee.
- 2.2 Bluewater District School Board acknowledges that the financial support of parents/guardian(s) and various school community resources may be necessary in order to offer enhanced and/or optional programming to students.
- 2.3 In accordance with the Education Act, the Ministry of Education will ensure that all exceptional children in Ontario have available to them appropriate special education programs and special education services without payment of fees by parents or guardians.
- 2.4 Tuition fees will be charged for early learning programs (offered before or after regular school day), adult or continuing education students, international students, visa students and Indigenous students attending pursuant to an education services agreement.

3.0 SYSTEM EXPECTATIONS

- 3.1 Each student will have an equal opportunity to benefit from the education system without being required to pay a fee.
- 3.2 No fee may be charged for materials that are required by students to meet the expectations of the core curriculum.

- 3.3 Any monies collected, or materials provided by parents/guardians, are meant to complement and/or enhance, and not replace, public funding for education.
- 3.4 The purposes for which funds are collected for learning materials and/or activities are consistent with Bluewater District School Board's Strategic Plan and Bluewater's 10 Character Attributes.
- 3.5 The dignity of every student, and their family, will be honoured in all school fee collection processes.