

**ELK RAPIDS SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
July 13, 2026**

ACTION ITEM: PO 6152: Student fees, fines, and supplies

FOR ACTION: Student Fees/Fines/Supplies:

The Board of Education may authorize the Superintendent and his/her designee to assess certain charges to students to cover the costs for extra-curricular and noncredit activities. Such charges might be made for expendable items such as magazines, workbook materials, paperback selections, and laboratory supplies and materials for clubs, independent study, or special projects, as well as transportation costs and admission/participation fees for District-sponsored trips and activities.

No student, however, shall be deprived of participation in any mandatory school activity or required curriculum activity due to a lack of financial ability to pay, and fees will not be charged for such activities. Extra-curricular activities for which fees will be charged may not be used in determining credit or grades in any course.

A fee shall not exceed the combined cost of the service(s) provided and/or materials used. An accurate accounting of all fees collected and all fees expended shall be provided to the Superintendent or his/her designee for each fee-based activity at the conclusion of the activity, along with remission of any fees not expended.

No fine or fee shall be charged to a student identified as a student experiencing homelessness unless it is determined that the student has the ability to pay the fee or fine and that its imposition does not create a barrier to the student's ability to enroll, or attend school, achieve academic success, or cause the student to be identified as experiencing homelessness. Any dispute regarding a fine or a fee that is imposed shall not delay the student's enrollment or serve as a barrier to enrollment by delaying the transfer of student records to another school or school district, if applicable

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the superintendent or his/her designee to assess student fees, fines, and supply rates.