

AP 305 – Student School Supplies

Purpose

To provide guidance and consistency to schools with respect to the purchase of student school supplies and to allow schools to charge parents a reasonable amount for supplies so that supplies may be purchased in bulk.

Procedure

School supplies may either be purchased by parents/guardians as suggested by Principals and school staff or supplies may be purchased by the school with the expectation that parents/guardians would be charged a fee for those supplies. In either case, the amount of the parent/guardian contribution shall not be excessive and be on a cost recovery basis.

The school shall attempt to supply scissors, paints and brushes, paste and glue, notebooks and art supplies to all students.

Principals and school staff should review their requirements annually to ensure the request is not in excess of what is deemed to be necessary and reasonable and ensure parent/guardian participation is voluntary. The purchasing of student school supplies should align with Policy 1.5 - Environmental Stewardship.

The definition of school supplies does not include personal items such as footwear, gym strip or backpacks.

A separate charge may be levied for the reimbursement of school planners.

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References: The *School Act*

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