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A. POLICY

The Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board recognizes its responsibility under the Education Act and the value of ensuring access to learning materials and equipment for all students necessary to meet curriculum requirements. Fees may be appropriate in cases where schools choose to offer enhancements or supplementary core curriculum. This policy provides the framework to determine eligible fees with the goal of ensuring consistent and transparent fee criteria for all schools within the Board's jurisdiction.

B. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Every student has the right to attend a school, where they are a qualified resident day school pupil, without payment.

2. The Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board is committed to providing students with the use of all required texts, learning materials and equipment necessary to be successful in their educational pursuits.

3. Fees may be appropriate for enhanced or supplementary learning materials or activities. Any fees charged must be minimized to the extent possible; and be consistent with the Board's mission, values and system priorities.

4. Strategies must be in place at each school to recognize and reduce barriers to participation that effectively include all students in programs and activities.

5. Financial transparency, accountability and reporting shall be followed as per the Administrative Guidelines that accompany this policy.

C. REFERENCES

- Education Act Section 32(1) - Right to Attend without Payment of a Fee
- Education Act Section 170 - Duties of Boards: Provide Textbooks without Charge
- Fees for Learning Materials and Activities Guideline