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STUDENT FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES

Students will assume the care and maintenance of any items on loan from the school, including but not limited to, books, materials, supplies and equipment. There will be a fine for any lost items. All lost items should be paid for prior to the close of the school year. The monies collected from lost and damaged materials goes into the Lost Book Fund at the school in which the monies are owed.

The School Committee also recognizes that there may be a need for student fees to fund certain school activities. A school may exact a fee or charge only upon School Committee approval. The schools, however, may charge students enrolled in certain courses for the cost of materials used in projects that will become the property of the student. Any fee or charge due to any school in the Hull Public Schools and not paid at the end of the school year will be carried forward to the next succeeding school year, as such debts are considered to be debts of the student to the Hull Public Schools and not to a particular school. It also recognizes that some students may not be able to pay these fees. No student will be denied access into any program because of inability to pay these supplementary charges.

All student fees and charges, both optional and required, will be listed and described annually in each school's student handbook or in some other written form and distributed to each student. The notice will advise students that fees are to be paid and of the penalties for their failure to pay them. Permissible penalties include the denial of participation in extra curricular activities including but not limited to; sports, clubs, dances, graduation ceremonies and other nonmandated activities while the student is enrolled in the Hull Public Schools until payment is made.

Students who are indigent are exempt from paying fees. However, indigent students are not exempt from charges for lost and damaged books, locks, materials, supplies, and equipment.

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