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ECS Pupil Fees Policy

The Environmental Charter Schools Board recognizes its responsibility to ensure that books, materials, equipment, supplies, and other resources necessary for students' participation in the educational program are made available to them. No student shall be required to pay any fees, deposits, or other charges for his/her participation in an educational activity which constitutes an integral fundamental part of any ECS educational program, including curricular and extracurricular activities.

As necessary, the ECS Board may approve fees, deposits, and other charges which are specifically authorized by law (Education Code [49011](#); 5 CCR [350](#)). For such authorized fees, deposits, and charges, ECS schools shall consider students' and parents/guardians' ability to pay when establishing fee schedules and granting waivers or exceptions.

Unless specifically authorized by law, no fee shall be charged to students for participation in extracurricular and cocurricular activities related to the educational program, including materials or equipment related to the activity.

ECS recognizes that student participation in fundraising activities for their schools and for nonprofit, nonpartisan charitable organizations can help develop a sense of social responsibility in students, enhance the relationship between the school and community, and contribute to the improvement of the school program.

Whether solicitations are made on behalf of the school or on behalf of a charitable organization, students shall not be barred from an event or activity because they did not participate in fundraising. Potential donors, including parents/guardians and members of the community, should not be unduly pressured to contribute ECS schools or to charitable organizations. Staff is expected to emphasize the fact that donations are always voluntary.

Whenever a student or parent/guardian believes that an impermissible fee, deposit, or other charge is being required of the student for his/her participation in an educational activity, the student or his/her parent/guardian may file a complaint with the principal or designee using Uniform Complaint Procedures. (Education Code [49013](#))

Principals or designees shall include information in the annual notification required by 5 CCR [4622](#) to be provided to all ECS students, parents/guardians, employees, and other interested parties about the requirements relating to the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits or other charges in order to participate in an educational activity, unless authorized by



law, and the filing of complaints for alleged violations using the uniform complaint procedures. (Education Code [49013](#))

The Executive Director or designee will provide professional development opportunities to administrators, teachers, and other personnel to learn about permissible fees.



Additional Information regarding fees is located in [Pupil Fees](#)