

POLICY

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Policy

The Board of Education is committed to ensuring that no student registered in School District 84 (Vancouver Island West) will be denied educational opportunities offered within the District due to financial hardship.

Where financial hardship exists that would prevent student participation in a curricular or co-curricular activity (such as a music program or trades program), the Board will waive, reduce, or provide an alternate option for payment of fees.

REGULATION

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Regulation

1. The School Principal shall determine whether an activity is curricular, co-curricular, or extracurricular and what fees, if any, may be charged.
2. In the case of curricular and co-curricular activities, if fees are applicable and the School Principal determines that the payment of fees will cause a financial hardship to a student's family, the School Principal shall waive, reduce, or provide an alternate option for payment of fees and notify the Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer of the circumstances and details. Privacy shall be maintained at all times.
3. In the case of extracurricular activities, School Principals are not obliged to waive, reduce or provide an alternate option for paying fees; however, School Principals are encouraged to facilitate the participation of those experiencing financial hardship in extracurricular activities.