

536P STUDENT FEES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the collection of student fees.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of the state of Minnesota that public school education shall be free and no pupil shall be denied an education because of economic inability to furnish educational books and supplies necessary to complete educational requirements necessary for graduation. Any practice leading to suspension, coercion, exclusion, withholding of grades or diplomas, or discriminatory action based upon nonpayment of fees denies pupils their right to equal protection and entitled privileges. It is recognized that the Board of Directors of New Discovery Montessori Academy has the right to accept voluntary contributions, to make certain charges and to establish fees in areas considered extra curricular, noncurricular or supplementary to the requirements for the successful completion of a class or educational program, and to waive those fees under certain circumstances

II. SCOPE

New Discoveries Montessori Academy is authorized to require payment of fees in the following areas:

1. In any program where the resultant product, in excess of minimum requirements and at the pupil's option, becomes the personal property of the pupil
2. Admission fees or charges for extracurricular activities, where attendance is optional and where the admission fees or charges a student must pay to attend or participate in an extracurricular activity is the same for all students
3. Items of personal use or products that a student has an option to purchase such as student publications and yearbooks
4. Field trips considered supplementary to the NDMA educational program
5. Transportation of pupils to and from extracurricular activities conducted at locations other than school, where attendance is optional
6. Personal or consumable items including pencils, paper, pens, erasers and notebooks
7. Textbooks, workbooks, electronic equipment and library books, lost or destroyed by students

III. WAIVER OF STUDENT FEES

NDMA may waive any fee:

1. For any pupil whose parent is serving in, or within the past year has served in, active military service as defined under section 190.05.(b)
2. If any pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian is unable to pay it.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. 123B.34 - 37 (MN Public School Fee Law)