

POLICY

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Related Entries: IH, IH-RA, JCG-RA

Responsible Office: DIVISION OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION, OFFICE OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

STUDENTS – COURSE-RELATED FEES

A. PURPOSE

To provide guidance on allowable student course-related fees, and to ensure that Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) students have access to materials of instruction regardless of their ability to purchase such material.

B. ISSUE

There are instances where students at AACPS may be asked to purchase materials of instruction in certain courses. However, a student may not be excluded from participation in any class due to the financial inability to pay for any course-related fees.

C. POSITION

1. In accordance with the *Student Activity Funds Manual*, AACPS shall provide access to:
 - a. Primary materials of instruction, as defined in Regulation IH-RA – Materials of Instruction – Review, Evaluation, and Selection; and
 - b. Safety and laboratory equipment in any courses requiring such equipment.
2. A course-related fee may be charged if the materials of instruction are used to create:
 - a. A product consumed by the student; or
 - b. A product that becomes the property of the student.
3. **College and Career Ready (CCR) Students**
 - a. A student is deemed CCR when the student has met the criteria outlined in §7-205.1 of the Education Article.
 - b. For students deemed CCR, AACPS will pay for the full cost of:

- i. Advanced Placement assessments;
 - ii. International Baccalaureate assessments;
 - iii. Career and technical education (CTE) certification assessments; and
 - iv. Tuition and fees for AACPS approved:
 - a) CTE pathways;
 - b) Dual enrollment, Early College Access Program courses; and
 - c) Signature program courses.
4. Students may not be excluded from participation in a class due to the financial inability to pay a course-related fee.
5. Any student who violates State or local law or regulation and as a result of this violation damaged, destroyed, or substantially decreased the value of AACPS property or the property of another on school property at the time of the violation shall be responsible for reimbursing the school system as described in Regulation JCG-RA – Care of School Property by Students.

D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy.

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Note Previous Policy History: Replaces Policy 906, adopted 11/20/35 and revised 08/29/58 and 05/20/91

Legal Reference: Section 7-205.1 of the Education Article