

School Fees 2025/2026

The Board of Education reviews fees for schools and academies every school year. The *School Act* section 82 permits a Board to charge a deposit for educational resources. Boards may also charge fees for materials, supplies, equipment and instruments not considered educational resource materials. Schools may charge deposits for materials given to students and provide refunds upon return.

Standard District Fees

- Graduation Fee (basic cost): up to \$75
- Student Activity Fee for Secondary Schools: \$25
Covers the costs of guest speakers, school events and activities, student recognition, student leadership, celebrations, and lockers.

Specialty/Certification Fees

Materials and equipment beyond that which is necessary to meet the required learning outcomes. i.e. woodworking: upgrading from pine to oak for a particular project. Certification fees for courses such as Food Safe and First Aid are charged at a cost recovery basis. Please contact your child's school to confirm fees/upgrade costs.

Specialty Value Added PE Courses

Fees range from \$30 to \$300 per year depending on program expenses:

- Rock Climbing \$100 (Quw'utsun Secondary and Quamichan School)
- Ice Hockey \$300 (Quw'utsun Secondary) \$30 (Lake Cowichan School)

Academies with fees

- Quw'utsun Secondary School Rugby Academy Fee \$6,050 per year for local district students and out of province, and \$15,000 for International students.
- Cowichan Open School Performing Arts Academy Fee \$4,500 per year.
- Frances Kelsey Secondary School Ice Hockey Academy Fee \$1,565 per year.
- Frances Kelsey Secondary School Soccer Academy Fee \$350 per year.
- Frances Kelsey Secondary Equestrian Academy \$3,300 per year.

Academies with no fees

- Frances Kelsey Secondary School Trails Outdoor Academy
- Frances Kelsey Secondary School Fine Arts Academy

Refundable Deposits

Refundable deposits will be collected for educational resource materials such as textbooks, reusable workbooks and novels. Refunds will be issued once students have returned the educational resource materials.

In some secondary schools the refundable textbook deposit is applied to the graduation fee unless otherwise specified by parent(s).

Secondary School

Chemainus Secondary
Quw'utsun Secondary
Frances Kelsey Secondary
Lake Cowichan School
Quamichan School
Alternate Ed Programs
Distributed Learning K-12

Textbook Deposits

\$25 (refundable)
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N/A
\$50 (refundable)

Hardship

Where financial hardship exists that would prevent student participation in a curricular or co-curricular activity, fees will be waived. Fees and deposits will not become a barrier to participation in required activities or programs as per Admin Procedure 506 – Financial Hardship.