



<u>DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD</u>	
<u>POLICY</u>	
POLICY NUMBER:	P-7010
SUBJECT:	Fees for Learning Materials and Activities
REFERENCE:	GAP2005 Fee for Learning Materials and Activities GAP7003 Accounting – The Administration of School Generated Funds
EFFECTIVE DATE:	August 23, 2011
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“Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.”
Romans 13:8

1. The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) is committed to supporting students participating in school activities, regardless of their economic circumstances.
2. The Ministry of Education’s [Fees for Learning Materials and Activities Guideline](#) (March 2011), states “that a fee charge shall be permissible for an activity, material, course or program if it is:
 - a) Not required as part of the regular day school program;
 - b) Voluntary, and alternatives are offered;
 - c) Non-essential or extracurricular in nature and is not required for graduation by an individual student; or
 - d) A voluntary upgrade or substitute of a more costly material to the material provided for course purposes.”
3. Enhancements or supplementary learning materials beyond the core curriculum, optional programming and extra-curricular student activities may require that parent(s)/guardian(s) or students contribute resources in the way of time, money, or materials.
4. Where fees are permissible based on the Ministry of Education Guideline, the purposes for which and by which the funds are collected will be consistent with the DPCDSB mission, vision, and *Multi Year Strategic Plan* values.
5. The DPCDSB acknowledges that fees for learning materials and/or activities may be charged for cost recovery purposes. In order to address financial hardship, DPCDSB is committed to minimizing fees to support student participation and to supporting local and central community initiatives that assist in subsidizing student activities.
6. Financial transparency, accountability and reporting shall be adhered to as per policies and procedures.
7. Student activity fees are defined as voluntary amounts that are used to supplement a student’s school experience through materials and activities such as student agendas, student recognition programs, yearbooks, extracurricular activities, school dances, or theme days.

8. Enhanced Programming and materials are defined as voluntary enrichments or upgrades to the curriculum or co-curricular activities beyond what is necessary to meet the learning expectations for a particular grade or course. For example, in some performance and production courses (music or woodworking), students may wish to use a superior product or consumable than that provided by the school, in which case they may be asked to pay the additional cost of the upgrade.
9. Essential course materials required to meet the learning expectations of the course or grade are to be provided at no cost.
10. Optional Programming refers to voluntary courses or activities that students normally choose to attend through an application process, with the knowledge that these programs are beyond the core curriculum. Examples may include the Regional Arts and Advanced Placement® programs.