

School District No. 22 (Vernon) **POLICY**

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Adopted:

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

To ensure that fees and deposits do not become a barrier to student participation in educational programs, the Board will facilitate fair and confidential procedures, which will allow participation in activities by students who would otherwise be excluded due to financial hardship.

All communication with students and parents regarding fees and deposits must include a statement explaining that fees will not prevent a student from participating in school activities. No student will be denied educational opportunities offered at the school due to financial hardship.

In secondary schools the statement explaining that no student will be denied educational opportunities offered at school, will be published along with the fee schedule in the school handbook, school course selection guides or school newsletters. Publicity regarding fees shall include a reference to the possibility of a fee waiver in cases of financial hardship and the means by which such a waiver may be obtained.

Principals are responsible for establishing a procedure to facilitate participation in educational activities by students who would otherwise be excluded due to financial hardship. Principals will consult with teachers, students and parents/guardians in the development of such a procedure. The procedure must incorporate the principles of fairness, respect, dignity, confidentiality, and sensitivity. Students, parents/guardians and staff will be advised on the procedure.

Financial hardship processes shall also be in place for student transportation fees for to and from school.