

I. PURPOSE

This policy ensures that Athlos Academy of St. Cloud is in compliance with the Minnesota Public School Fee Law (Minn. Stat. § 123B.37).

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Extracurricular Activities: Activities for students recognized or sanctioned by Athlos Academy of St. Cloud, which may supplement or compliment, but are not part of, required curriculum.

III. POLICY

- A. Athlos Academy of St. Cloud shall be tuition-free and no student shall be denied an education because of financial difficulty to furnish instructional materials necessary to be successful in school.
 - 1. Students may be required to furnish consumable items including pencils, paper, notebooks, etc.
 - 2. Students are required to purchase clothing that constitutes a school uniform.
- B. The Athlos Academy of St. Cloud Governing Board **may** charge fees in the following areas:
 - 1. Extracurricular activities where participation is voluntary, and a student's grade or ability to participate fully in any academic course is not affected;
 - 2. A security deposit for the return of instructional materials;
 - 3. Items of personal use or products that a student has an option to purchase (i.e. yearbooks, class rings, graduation announcements, etc.);
 - 4. Field trips considered supplementary to an educational program;
 - 5. Transportation to and from school of students living within two miles from the school;
 - 6. Transportation of students to and from extracurricular activities conducted at locations other than school, and where attendance is optional; and
 - 7. Other fees authorized by Minn. Stat. § 123B.36.
- C. The Governing Board may **not** charge fees in connection with the following:
 - 1. Textbooks, workbooks, art materials, laboratory supplies, towels;
 - 2. Field trips that are required as part of an educational program;

3. Library books required to be used for any educational course;
 4. Admission fees, dues, or fees for any activity students are required to attend;
 5. Transportation to and from school of students living two miles or more from school; and
 6. Other fees prohibited by Minn. Stat. § 123B.37.
- D. The Governing Board may charge fees for textbooks, workbooks, and library books, lost or destroyed by students as long as parent/guardian(s) have been notified annually of this provision.
- E. Fee schedule:
1. Fees may not exceed limits established annually by the Governing Board in the fee schedule.
 2. The fee schedule must be approved annually by the Governing Board.
 3. The fee schedule shall be distributed to parent/guardian(s) at the start of the school year.
 4. The collection of school fees shall occur prior to student participation in the activity
- F. Fee waivers in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 123B.36, Subd. 6:
1. The Governing Board may waive fees for any student unable to pay them and for any student whose parent is serving in, or within the past year has served in, active military service as defined under Minn. Stat. § 190.05.
- G. Athlos Academy of St. Cloud may pursue reasonable means to collect school fees, but shall not withhold grades or diplomas for nonpayment of student fees.

Legal References:

[Minn. Stat. § 123B.36-123B.37](#)