

## **POLICY 545 – STUDENT FEES**

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### I. PURPOSE

The school district will provide free public school education, and no student will be denied an education because of economic inability to furnish educational books and supplies necessary to complete educational requirements necessary for graduation.

### II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Any practice leading to suspension, coercion, exclusion, withholding of grades or diplomas, or discriminatory action based upon nonpayment of fees denies students their right to equal protection and entitled privileges, and is prohibited by Minnesota laws and this policy.

### III. ACCEPTABLE FEES

#### A. The school district may:

1. Accept voluntary contributions;
2. Make certain charges authorized by law and;
3. Establish fees in areas considered extracurricular, non-curricular or supplementary to the requirements for the successful completion of a class or educational program.

#### B. The school district may not require the payment of fees except as authorized by the Minnesota Public School Fee law.

### IV. NEW FEES

The school district may initiate new fees after holding a public hearing in accordance with the Minnesota Public School Fee Law.

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(formerly Policies 5510, 5511, 5512 & 5513)

#### ***Legal References***

M.S. 123B.34 et seq. Minnesota Public School Fee Law  
M.S. 123B.88, Subd. 22  
M.S. 124D.52 – Adult Basic Education

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