

## **COSTS TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS FOR SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Costs to parents/guardians for their child's education and for participation in school related activities will be kept to a minimum.

1. There will be no charge for participation in required courses and activities. This will apply to costs such as agenda books, locker fees, field trips related to curricular objectives, course fees for lab or project materials, Learn to Swim, Learn to Skate, Arts Camp, Science Camp, elementary, middle years and intramural athletics, high school convocations and the like.
2. There will be a modest charge for:
  - Schools supplies, when purchased by the school. Where the school issues supply lists those lists should be costed and reviewed with a view to keeping costs modest.
  - Residential camp experiences, band trips, athletic trips. Schools will provide parents/guardians with adequate notice. Activities will be planned with economy in mind.
  - Band uniforms, sports t-shirts.
  - Rental of musical instruments.
  - High school interscholastic sports. A budget and accounting will be made available to parents/guardians detailing team and program expenses.
3. Financial assistance can be provided from Seven Oaks school budgets to ensure that no student's educational participation in the above activities is limited by financial circumstances. Information about financial assistance will be provided through all avenues of home/school communication.
4. Each year the Board of Trustees will establish a per student grant to cover or defray activities costs to parents. The grant will be allocated on a per capita basis by classroom and program for K – 8 students and on a program basis in Grade 9 – 12 schools.
5. School budgets will be reviewed annually by the Board of Trustees to ensure that they are adequate to ensure that this policy is honoured.