



HARDSHIP

Background

The District is committed to ensuring that no student of school age will be denied an educational program due to financial hardship. Within the fiscal ability of each school and the District, no student is to be denied access to programs, events or field trips that are aligned to and enhance the BC curriculum.

Procedures

1. The Principal of each school will establish well known procedures to facilitate the participation of students who would not otherwise be able to participate in a course, class or program which is part of a student's educational program due to financial hardship.
2. The procedures must incorporate the principles of fairness, confidentiality, and sensitivity, while maintaining family respect and dignity. Students, parents, and staff will be advised of the procedure.
3. A statement informing parents of the hardship provision will be included on permission forms for trips, events, and programs. The procedure for addressing financial hardship will also be included in the student agendas and parent and staff handbooks.
4. This Administrative Procedure applies to students of school age, who attend a District school and who are ordinarily residents of British Columbia.

Reference: Section 20, 22, 65, 82, 82.1, 82.2, 82.3, 82.4, 85 *School Act*
Ministerial Order 236/07

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