SUPERIOR NORTH CATHOLIC District School Board

Policy: FEES FOR LEARNING MATERIALS AND ACTIVITIES **Effective: October 19, 2011**

Policy Statement:

As stated in the Board Mission, Vision and Values statement, the Superior North Catholic District School Board values diversity, respect and self worth, and an inclusive Catholic culture. As such, it is the policy of the Board to provide authentic Catholic Education to all resident pupils without payment of any fees.

Further, pupils are entitled to receive the materials required to meet the curriculum expectations of a particular grade or course. Funding for classroom supplies should be used as intended and reviewed as part of the board budgeting process.

In general, there should be no fees charged for day school programs. The costs of materials and activities for elementary and secondary education are provided to schools by the Ministry of Education and should be reflected in school board operating budgets.

When schools or school boards choose, with the support of the school community, to offer enhanced or optional programming, parents may be asked to contribute resources in the way of time, money or materials to support these programs or activities. While no student should be excluded from participating in any school activity or event based on the ability to pay, some activities or events may require some recovery of the cost for participation. Full student participation in enhanced or optional school programs and activities is a goal, regardless of individual economic circumstances.

Fees may be appropriate in cases where school boards or schools choose to offer enhancements or supplementary learning materials beyond the core curriculum. Where fees are appropriate, they should be minimized as much as possible. Fees should reflect the actual cost of the services or materials being provided to the student. A transparent accounting of the amounts collected and expenditures allocated must be made available to the school community.

The fees discussed in this policy are fees other than tuition fees for visa students, international students, First Nation students attending pursuant to a tuition agreement, adult or continuing education students. Nor do they include fees for early learning programs offered outside the regular school day or other before or after school programs. [Note: Students residing on a First Nation with no tuition agreement, would be charged a fee.]

Cross Reference	Draft Approved	Legal/Ministry Reference
• **V106/AR106 Educational Excursions & Day Field Trips** • **V148/AR148 Equity & Inclusive Education**	**August 25, 2011** **Final Approved** **October 19, 2011** **Board Motion** **#88/11** **Review Prior To** **February 2016**	• **Ministry of Education Memo 2011:B02 (Fees for Learning Materials and Activities Guideline)**