



## Summary of Legal and Contractual Expectations on Student Fees

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OPSB expects all charter schools to comply with La. R.S. 17:112, Act 547 and the terms of Operating Agreement regarding student fee expectations. OPSB urges all charter schools to implement the recommendations of HR 183 of 2017 and related guidance from the LDOE.

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<b>Student Fee Schedules</b>	<p><b>Every school that charges student fees of any kind should publish on its website and include in its student handbook a clear policy on student fees that includes, at a minimum:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Descriptions of each student fee being charged</li> <li>• The dollar amount of each student fee</li> <li>• How each student fee will be collected and used</li> <li>• The deadline by which each student fee is due and the desired method of payment</li> <li>• A description of how economic hardships may be addressed</li> </ul>
<b>Student Fee Restrictions</b>	<p><b>The Louisiana Legislature has enumerated the following recommendations related to student fees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The inability to pay fees should not prevent economically disadvantaged students from having access to a quality education whether through a traditional public school, a charter school, or a nonpublic school participating in the voucher program and these students should be given the same opportunities as other students.</li> <li>• Students should not be denied or delayed admission nor denied access to any instructional activity due to failure to pay a fee. Report cards and other academic records cannot be withheld for failure to pay a fee, pursuant to state law.</li> </ul>

### Additional Information

For additional guidance, see the [LDOE Guidance on Student Fees](#)

Reference(s): LA. R.S. 17:112, Act 547, LA House Resolution 183

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