

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

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The Board charges each pupil-student enrolled in this ~~d~~District with responsibility for the proper care of school property and the school supplies and equipment entrusted to the pupil's/student's his or her use.

Pupils-Students who cause damage to school property will be subject to disciplinary measures. The Board authorizes the imposition of a fine for the loss, damage, or defacement of a textbook, or other educational materials, equipment, buildings or facilities, or any other property belonging to the ~~d~~District.

The Board reserves the right to take action if a pupil fails to pay a fine, fails to make arrangements to pay, or fails to dispute a fine. The Board's action may include, but not be limited to, withholding a report card or diploma from any pupil-student who has not paid a fine, not made arrangements to pay, or not challenged the fine. ~~se payment of a fine is in arrears.~~ Withholding of a report card or diploma will not be permitted for Library late fees or unpaid Cafeteria accounts.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations ~~ules~~ for the implementation of this Policy. The regulations will include the safekeeping and accounting of textbooks, ~~and~~ other educational materials or equipment distributed to students, and ~~prepare~~ a schedule of fines for their loss and damage. Damage to facilities and equipment shall be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The regulations will also include procedures so that ~~pupils~~students and parent(s)/guardian(s) have: (1) notice of the fines, including the amount of each and the reason for the fine; (2) a mechanism for challenging the fine upon presentation of evidence that the fine was improperly imposed or has been paid; and (3) the ability to request a waiver of the fine due to financial hardship.

N.J.S.A.18A:34-2; 18A:37-3

N.J.A.C. ~~6:20-6.6~~ 6A:23-6.6

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