

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~~ may 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.

No student shall be denied the opportunity to participate in school activities, including but not limited to field trips, prom, or graduation ceremonies due to library late fees or unpaid cafeteria accounts, or other fines which have been successfully appealed.

The Board reserves the right to take action if a ~~pupil~~student 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 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) shall ~~be~~ have: (1) noticed of the fines, including the amount of each and the reason for the fine; (2) provided a mechanism for challenging the fine upon presentation of evidence that the fine was improperly imposed or has been paid; and (3) provided with 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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