



## 2016/2017 School Year Approved School Fees

### Basic School Fees

	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017
Kindergarten	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Grades 1-6	\$62.00	\$64.00	\$64.00	\$64.00
Grades 7-9	\$77.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00
Grades 10-12	\$102.00	\$104.00	\$104.00	\$104.00

The above fees **include** \$1.00 for student accident insurance. The Grades 10-12 fee also **includes** \$5.00 for Diploma Exam materials.

The following are examples of items included in the basic school fee:

- Textbooks, photocopying, library materials, physical education equipment, licenses for online resources, blanket student accident insurance with Industrial Alliance Pacific

Co-curricular activities (i.e., swimming), extra-curricular activities and field trips are charged separately according to cost.

### Option/CTS Fees (Grades 7-12)

\$7.00 per credit (25 hours)

Band (instrument rentals)

### Communication

Each year, schools are required to communicate to parents as to what is supplied or covered with each fee.

### Foreign Students

\$8,000.

### Collection of Fees

Schools are responsible for the collection of fees. Difficult collection cases that total no more than 5% of the school fees owing may be referred to Division Office for collection over the summer. Collected school fees are to be remitted to division office according to the following schedule:

#### Fees collected:

September 1 to October 15

October 16 to December 31

January 1 to March 31

April 1 to June 30

July 1 to August 31

#### Remit by:

October 31<sup>st</sup>

January 15<sup>th</sup>

April 15<sup>th</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup>

September 8<sup>th</sup>



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### School Fees Possible Questions & Answers September 2016

#### What are school fees used for?

School fees help us provide services for students that other sources of funding don't cover. Funding from the government provides for most educational items such as teachers and staff members, classrooms, facilities and some technology. School fees help offset some costs for items such as photocopying, certain classroom supplies, library materials, certain phys. ed. equipment, licenses for online resources, and basic student accident insurance for each student.

#### How much are school fees in Chinook's Edge?

Kindergarten	Nil
Grades 1-6	\$64
Grades 7-9	\$79
Grades 10-12	\$104

(This includes \$1 / student for basic accident insurance and \$5 / student in Grades 10-12 for Diploma Exam Materials)

#### Are additional fees charged for anything else?

Fees are charged at \$7 per credit for Option Courses in Grades 7-12. Schools may charge fees for such items as band instrument rentals, field trips and swimming lessons. While some Alberta schools are charging fees for lunchroom supervision, Chinook's Edge provides this service without additional fees to families. As well, Chinook's Edge doesn't charge textbook rentals.

#### How do fees charged in Chinook's Edge compare to neighboring school divisions?

Chinook's Edge school fees are comparable to neighboring school divisions.

#### What happens if people don't pay their school fees?

Each school works with families to determine payment schedules that are accessible for everyone. If families choose not to pay their school fees, principals can send the information to division office, where further action may involve a collection agency. If so, the collection agency would work with families in a diplomatic manner to gather the fees.

#### How do you handle families who say they can't afford to pay school fees?

Families who can't afford to pay the fees can contact Alex Schultz, CPA, CGA toll-free at 1-800-561-9229 / email [aschultz@cesd73.ca](mailto:aschultz@cesd73.ca). Based on need, families can be exempted from paying part or all of the school fees.