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<p data-bbox="235 283 337 430"><u>539.</u> Student Fees</p>	<p data-bbox="430 283 1461 598">The Shrewsbury School Committee is committed to the belief that public education should be free and available to all students as a matter of right. To that end, all students should be encouraged to participate in the full range of activities and programs offered permitted by state law) to set fees for student participation in certain aspects of the schools' programs (e.g., transportation, athletics, co-curricular activities, field trips, before and after school programs, etc.) Fees are implemented when such programs might be reduced in scope or not offered at all without financial support from the participants.</p> <p data-bbox="430 640 560 672"><u>Guidelines</u></p> <p data-bbox="430 682 1396 745">The following guidelines provide the framework in which the superintendent shall implement the fee policy of the Shrewsbury School Committee:</p> <ol data-bbox="479 798 1477 1638" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fees must be approved by the Shrewsbury School Committee before their implementation or modification.</li> <li>2. Fees must be calculated to cover solely the costs of the program, or a portion thereof.</li> <li>3. Fees will not be charged for books or other materials required as part of the instructional program.</li> <li>4. Students must not be denied access to school programs and activities due to their families' financial status (in accordance with the exceptions listed below).</li> <li>5. Principals shall use discretion to ensure that students will not be discouraged from participating in school programs and activities due to the financial status of their families.</li> <li>6. Opportunities for financial support, as well as application procedures for such assistance, will be publicized in school handbooks and in information about each activity for which a fee is imposed.</li> <li>7. Federal guidelines for free or reduced price lunch for students will be considered as the primary criteria for determining student need.</li> <li>8. Student personnel shall maintain strict confidentiality regarding students who are receiving financial support for their participation.</li> <li>9. The superintendent shall maintain a list of district wide fees.</li> <li>10. The superintendent shall provide a report on district wide fees to the School Committee each year.</li> </ol>	

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**Exceptions**

1. Students will be required to pay for damaged or lost books, materials and equipment. Replacement costs will determine the charges to be applied.
2. School personnel may collect fees to cover the costs of materials used by students that, at the students' discretion, will become their property. This provision does not include consumable materials provided by the district (e.g., workbooks).
3. Optional field trips involving overnight accommodations and foreign travel are subject to School Committee policy #537.
4. Students will be required to pay for remedial and enrichment courses in the summer school program, except as provided in an individualized education plan (IEP).

