

School Fees Regulation

In accordance with the *Alberta School Fees Regulation*, school boards are required to follow specific guidelines regarding the fees that may be charged to parents of students. This regulation outlines the need for school boards to:

- Establish policies and procedures related to school fees
- Consult with parents
- Maintain transparent financial statements
- Clearly identify the necessity of charging fees
- Provide a process for requesting fee waivers or refunds

In addition, school boards must create an annual fee schedule and publish their policies, procedures, and fee schedule for public access.

To make education more affordable for families across the province, the Alberta government introduced legislation that no longer permits schools to charge parents for basic instructional supplies, including:

- Textbooks
- Workbooks
- Photocopying and printing
- Paper

At **Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools**, we are committed to reducing financial barriers and continue to eliminate as many school fees as possible for our families.

While many fees have been removed, the regulation still permits schools to charge for specific goods and services. These fees must be clearly outlined in the school division's approved fee schedule and may include costs such as:

- Enhanced course fees (e.g., specialized materials or supplies)
- Co-curricular and Extra-curricular activity fees (e.g., field trips, athletics, clubs)
- Full-time Kindergarten and Transportation fees not covered by government funding

Families experiencing difficulty paying school fees are encouraged to contact their school principal to discuss fee waivers or other available support.