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1.0 Purpose

Wasatch Charter School will follow all State Rules related to charging school fees as outlined in R277-407.

2.0 Definition

3.0 Policy Content

No Fees will be charged to students in grades K-5 for textbooks, classroom equipment or supplies, musical instruments, field trips, assemblies, snacks (other than food provided through the School Lunch Program), or for anything else that takes place or is used during the regular school day.

Charges related to the National School Lunch Program are not considered fees. Federal law permits schools to charge for food or milk provided as part of the School Lunch Program. Families of students experiencing financial hardships may be eligible for free or reduced price meals or milk. All information provided in student's application shall be kept confidential.

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Fees may be charged for students in the Middle School, Grades 6-8, based on the approved fee schedule. Parents will be provided with the required State Fee Notice and access to a Fee Waiver Form.

Fees may be charged in all grades for any school-sponsored activity that does not take place during the regular school day where participation is voluntary and does not affect the student's grade or ability to participate fully in any course taught during the regular school day.

Students may apply for a waiver of any school fees. A student is eligible for a fee waiver as follows:

- Students eligible for free school lunch.
- Students who are in state custody or foster care.
- Students whose families are receiving public assistance through the Family Employment Program (FEP) from the Utah Department of Workforce Services.
- Students who are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- Students whose families are financially unable to pay because of exceptional financial burdens beyond the family's control; these determinations are made on a case-by-case basis by school administrators.

Activities that use the School facilities outside of a regular school day, where participation is voluntary, and are not sponsored by the School may require fees (i.e., programs sponsored by the Parent Crew Organization and/or an outside organization). Fee waivers are not available for fees related to these types of activities.

School funds are limited. As a result, Wasatch Charter School on occasion may ask for tax-deductible donations of school supplies, equipment, or money, but these donations are not

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mandatory. All names of those who have or have not made donations will be kept confidential. No student will be penalized for not making a donation.

School pictures, yearbooks, or similar items are not fees and will not be waived. Students who carelessly or irresponsibly lose, waste, or damage school property will be responsible for the costs to repair or replace the property. These costs are not fees and will not be waived.

4.0 Relevant Procedures, Guidelines & Restrictions

5.0 Policy Owner

6.0 Exhibits / Appendices / Forms

7.0 Supporting Information

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