

1 **Ovando School District #11**

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5 Student Fees, Fines, and Charges

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7 Within the concept of free public education, the District will provide an educational program for students
8 as free of costs as possible.

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10 The Board may charge a student a reasonable fee for any course or activity not reasonably related to a
11 recognized academic and educational goal of the District or for any course or activity taking place outside
12 normal school functions. The Board may waive fees in cases of financial hardship.

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14 The Board will establish appropriate fees and procedures governing collection of fees and asks the Lead
15 Teacher to make annual reports to the Board regarding fee schedules. The Board also may require fees
16 for actual cost of breakage and for excessive supplies used in commercial, industrial arts, music, domestic
17 science, science, or agriculture courses.

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19 The District holds a student responsible for the cost of replacing materials or property that are lost or
20 damaged because of negligence. The Lead Teacher will notify a student and parent regarding the nature
21 of violation or damage, how restitution may be made, and how an appeal may be instituted. The District
22 may withhold a student's grades or diploma until restitution is made. The District may not refuse to
23 transfer files because a student owes fines or fees. A school district may withhold the grades, diploma, or
24 transcripts of a pupil who is responsible for the cost of school materials or the loss or damage of school
25 property until the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian satisfies the obligation.

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27 A school district that decides to withhold a pupil's grades, diploma, or transcripts from the pupil and the
28 pupil's parent or guardian shall:

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(a) upon receiving notice that the pupil has transferred to another school district in the state,
30 notify the pupil's parent or guardian in writing that the school district to which the pupil has
31 transferred will be requested to withhold the pupil's grades, diploma, or transcripts until any
32 obligation has been satisfied;

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(b) forward appropriate grades or transcripts to the school to which the pupil has transferred;

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(c) at the same time, notify the school district of any financial obligation of the pupil and request
35 the withholding of the pupil's grades, diploma, or transcripts until any obligations are met;

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(d) when the pupil or the pupil's parent or guardian satisfies the obligation, inform the school
37 district to which the pupil has transferred;

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39 A student or parent may appeal the imposition of a charge for damages to the Superintendent and to the
40 Board.

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42 Legal reference: § 20-1-213 (3), MCA Transfer of school records

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§ 20-5-201(4), MCA Duties and sanctions

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§ 20-7-601, MCA Free textbook provisions

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§ 20-9-214, MCA Fees

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