

Fees for 2017–2018

In March, the provincial government introduced new rules around what school districts can charge families. These new rules come into effect for the 2017-18 school year.

School Fees

What does this mean for you and your family?



While some school fees still remain, as of September, you won't have to pay for some things you've previously paid for. The new rules will also bring more clarity to what you're paying for; you'll know where your money is going for things like field trips, supplies, extra curricular activities, etc.

When will I know what my school fees are?

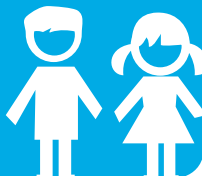


School fees will be posted to your school's website in August. You may have received a school supply list from your school already, which parents are still responsible for buying. Some schools bulk purchase school supplies, which is still allowed, however they must tell you what you're paying for. If you have questions, please contact your school.

Kindergarten fees

If your child is entering Kindergarten, you may be charged fees for things like field trips and Kindergarten supplies. The school will tell you exactly what it is being used for.

Your school may purchase Kindergarten school supplies in bulk and that fee may be passed on to you.



What can be charged?

More information for families will be available for school startup, but here's a quick snapshot of what families **can** and **cannot** be charge for:



Schools **cannot** charge fees for:

- Textbooks
- Workbooks
- Photocopying or printing paper



Schools **can** charge fees for:

- Refundable textbook deposits
- Agendas (optional)
- Lunch supervision
- Alternative programs
- Optional (complementary) courses
- Activities like field trips
- Extracurricular activities (clubs, sports teams, intramurals)
- Non-curricular supplies (locks, Kanga pouches, at-home study keys, graduation gown rental, Student Union, fitness centre access, etc.)
- Other optional goods and services, such as cafeteria sales or hot lunch programs, special events, graduation banquets, yearbooks, school photos, lost item replacement, photocopy/printer cards, etc.
- Kindergarten

Transportation Fees

The province has also introduced new rules about what school districts can charge for transportation. These new rules come into effect for the 2017–2018 school year.

What does this mean for you and your family?



In some cases, your family will pay less for transportation. In other cases, it will remain unchanged. Edmonton Public Schools is working out what this means for each and every student. More information will be available in August.

Waived fees for students who use yellow bus service



If your child uses **yellow bus service** and meets the following criteria, your transportation fees will be waived:

- Students who attend their designated school and reside at least 2.4 kilometres away.
- Students who attend a District Centre special needs program or an inclusive setting at their designated school.

When will I know what my transportation fees are?



Transportation fees will be posted to the District's website in August. If you have questions about what this means for you, please contact your school.

Reduced fees for students who use Edmonton Transit Services (ETS)



If your child uses **Edmonton Transit Services (ETS)** to get to school and meets the following criteria, your transportation fees will be reduced for the 2017–2018 school year:

- Students who attend their designated school and reside at least 2.4 kilometres away.
- Students who attend a District Centre special needs program or an inclusive setting at their designated school.

Paid transportation fees

Families will still be required to pay for transportation fees for the following students:

- Those who live less than 2.4 kilometres from their designated school.
- Those who enrol at a school that's not their designated school. This includes students attending schools of choice and alternative programs, including immersion programs.
- Travelling distance is calculated by using road files from the City of Edmonton.



Students cannot receive more than one form of transportation service from the District.



More information

For more information about *Bill 1* and changes to school fees, including an in-depth question and answer section, visit the Government of Alberta website at education.alberta.ca.