



September 4, 2024

To our Middle School Families,

As a new school year approaches, the Red Deer Public middle schools would like to remind our Grade 6-8 families of the fee that was implemented last year for Instructional Supplies and Materials.

For many years, the Board of Trustees covered the total cost related to student fees for Instructional Supplies and Materials for our middle school students after Alberta Education stopped providing funds to school divisions to cover these costs. The Board of Trustees chose to spend down school Division reserves to offset the cost for Instructional Supplies and Materials. Red Deer Public no longer has the level of reserves to offset this cost.

**For these reasons, as well as rising costs of materials and supplies, schools are now required to charge \$150 per student in Grades 6-8 each school year for Instructional Supplies and Materials.** These fees will be used to help cover the increased cost of materials and supplies and specialty programming.

Families are now able to view this fee via PowerSchool, and can either pay it in full, or sign up for a payment plan. If families choose the payment plan option, this means that \$15 a month from September to June will be automatically charged to your selected credit card. To pay a fee, or to learn how to set up a payment plan, click [here](#).

Families that struggle to pay the Instructional Supplies and Materials fee should have a conversation with school administration to discuss options to assist you.

We thank you for understanding, and we look forward to a great school year ahead.

Sincerely,

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