



AJ McLellan School Fees Information for 2023-2024

Each school year, parents support their children's learning experiences in a variety of ways. We appreciate all that you do to ensure a successful year. As we make plans for the 2023-2024 school year, we would like to inform parents about the following optional school fees:

Student Planner

Planners are an excellent tool for written communication between home and school and support the development of students' organization skills. Planners also contain Surrey School District information and our Code of Conduct. We recommend that students in Grades 1-7 purchase a planner from the school in September for \$5.00. Purchasing school planners is optional, and parents are welcome to purchase a planner from any vendor. Alternatively, older students may choose to use an electronic calendar on their personal devices and/or make use of a class website and Spaces. Individual teachers will discuss options with their students once class organizations are determined in September.

Student School Supplies

Parents have the option to order grade specific school supplies from School Start or to purchase school supplies from any vendor. School supply lists are sent home with students in June and posted on our AJ McLellan Elementary website. Costs for supplies vary based on grade. Kindergarten teachers will request a maximum \$55 from parents in order to purchase school supplies. Grade 1 to 7 school supply lists will have a maximum of \$65. Individual teachers may request additional supplies in September and will let parents know during the first few weeks of school if additional supplies are requested.

Field Studies and Field Trips

Classes often participate in field trips that enhance the curriculum objectives learned in the classroom. Examples may include the Surrey Art Gallery, Science World, and Camp for Grade 7. As well, special guests such as OWL, are sometimes invited into classrooms for demonstrations. Our hard-working Parent Advisory Council pays for or subsidises many school initiatives. Individual teachers may also request a per student fee from parents to cover the cost of admission or busing. We want every child to be able to participate in field studies. If any field trip causes a family financial hardship, the parent is encouraged to speak with the classroom teacher or Principal. Our Parent advisory Council and Principal will gladly cover the cost. If you choose to have your child not participate in a field study, a suitable program will be provided at the school.

Musical Instruments

Grade 4 students may learn to play the recorder and Grade 7 students who opt to take band will, of course, require an instrument. Early in September, our band and music teachers provide parents with specific information on renting or purchasing instruments. Rental of musical instruments from a reputable supplier is the responsibility of the parents. Costs vary depending on the instrument.

Arts and Craft Projects

Individual teachers may ask parents to pay a nominal fee for specific arts and crafts projects that students will take home.

We want every student at AJ McLellan Elementary to participate in classroom activities and field trips. If school activities or field trips cause your family financial hardship, please speak with your child's teacher or the Principal. We are happy to support you in a confidential manner. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know.