



June 2022

# Semiahmoo Secondary

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## Principal's Message

As the year closes and the sun finally begins to shine, I look back at what a crazy year we had. We navigated through so much adversity but the staff and students remained resilient throughout all of our challenges.

The last few weeks the school has been buzzing with activities. Last Tuesday, our athletes celebrated their achievements at the Athletic awards banquet. Our athletes and coaches filled the courtyard for a barbecue sponsored by our culinary arts team. Congrats to all of our teams and individual award winners on a great year in athletics.

On Wednesday, we were happy to finally return to the Chandos Pattison pavilion after two years to celebrate our Grads in our traditional commencement ceremony. This year 340 grade 12 student crossed the stage to receive their commemorative certificates. (Official diplomas will be mailed out in October). Congratulations to all of our graduates! We wish you all the best in pursuing your future goals and dreams.

On Thursday, our student council treated our students to a school carnival. The courtyard was filled with several food trucks, mini donuts and treats, and arcade and carnival games. Although the weather was less than desirable, it didn't dampen the spirit of the event and judging from the all of the smiles in the building, the students really enjoyed the festivities.

Last week, the Band program was able to celebrate their year with a fantastic farewell band concert – the phenomenal teachers and band students were able to shine one last time.

As is typical for the end of the year, unfortunately we are saying good bye to several of our teaching staff as they move on to new positions in the district. We are grateful for the contributions that you have all made to our school and hope to see many of you again in the future. We say goodbye to the following teachers:

Mr. Larkin, Ms. Nathoo, Ms. Kaur, Ms. Dhaliwal,  
Ms. Carranza, Ms. Coghill, and Ms. Lapointe

We are also saying farewell to two teachers as they move to different places: The formidable Mr. Snead is moving to Elgin Park as our their new vice principal – his leadership and work with our indigenous program has been spectacular. Also, a farewell to our Mr. Lefurgy as he is moving to the Okanagan – his work as basketball coach for our program was greatly appreciated by generations of student athletes.

In addition, we have two staff members who are retiring at the end of this school year and three who retired a little earlier this year. I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Meehan, Ms. Guezalova, Ms. Stiansen and Mr. Sapic for all their years of dedication and commitment to our students and community. Their passion for teaching and learning will be missed by all. Best wishes to you in your retirement. In addition, our beloved education assistant Josie Petrusic is retiring at the end of this school year. Congratulations, and thank you for your many years of dedication to our students.

Looking forward to the upcoming school year, information regarding the 2022-23 school year will be sent to returning families by email in late August. In addition please look for announcements and information on the Thunderbird times app. Around September 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, all incoming Grade 8's and students that are **new** to Semiahmoo will receive a summer mail-out which will contain their timetable and a welcome package.

A note on our planned renovation at the front of the school – due to some construction challenges, this major project has been postponed until next summer – the planned disruptions to the school will have to wait for another year.



### June 27 to July 28

Office hours are Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – closed Friday

### Closed Friday July 29 and August 1

### August 2 to August 5

Office hours are Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – closed Friday

### August 8 to August 12

Office is closed for the duration of the week.

### August 15 to August 19

Office hours are Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – closed Friday

### August 22 to September 2

**Office hours are 8:30 to 2:00 Monday to Friday**

***(During these times, office staff will be available for your phone inquiries. School doors will be locked, so please call ahead if you require in-person service.)***

On August 22nd, after 12pm, returning students can log in to MyEdBC to view their timetable. As always, we have an extremely tight schedule and course changes will only be granted in exceptional cases. Counsellors will be available for appointments the week of August 29<sup>th</sup>.

The first day of school this fall will be on **Tuesday, September 6th**. We will be welcoming students at the following times:

Grade 8s report at 10 – 1130

Grades 9-11 report at 1130-1230

Grade 12s report at 1230-130

I wish you all a safe and restful summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September!

Sincerely,

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Principal, Semiahmoo Secondary

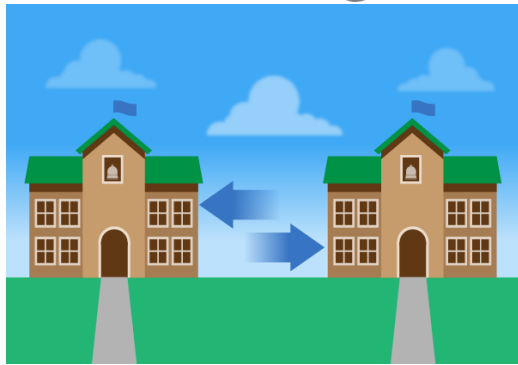


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## Not returning to Semiahmoo in September? PLEASE READ



**Are you moving? Are you changing schools and not returning to Semiahmoo for the 2022-23 school year?** Please notify the office immediately so we can update our records and ensure that your student file is forwarded to your new school.

In order to manage our enrollment for the 2022-23 school year it is very helpful for us to be made aware of any students who will not be returning next year.

Please email [Semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca) with details.

~Thank you for your assistance!

### COMMUNICATION IS ESSENTIAL.



In order for the school to be able to communicate effectively with all families, it is essential that all student information in our records is up to date. We ask that all families please check their MyEd BC accounts to ensure that all of the information is accurate. Has your home address changed? Has your email address changed? Please let us know. Email: [Semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Semiahmoo@surreyschools.ca) to notify of any changes.

*If you are changing your home address, please attach a utility bill to your email as a proof of your new address for us to add to your file.*

## \* 2021-22 STUDENT SCHEDULES \*

All RETURNING students will be able to see their finalized 2022/23 timetable on the MyEd BC portal at noon on **August 22nd**. Once you are logged in to the MyEd BC portal, click on the top tab: My Info > side tab: Current Schedule. When the schedule appears, click in the "schedule" heading and then **the "term" heading to view your schedule in correct order.**



- **NEW INCOMING STUDENTS** will have their timetables mailed to their home address and should receive it on September 1st or 2nd.

**Important note:** Timetable changes will only be considered if a student has fewer than 8 classes or if they have completed a summer school course and need to adjust their schedule.



# NEW BELL SCHEDULE

Please note the changes to the 2022-23 bell schedule and block order. Students will be dismissed at 2:40pm Monday to Friday.

<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>Monday Day 1</b>	<b>Tuesday Day 2</b>	<b>Wednesday Day 3</b>	<b>Thursday Day 4</b>	<b>Friday See Below</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Period: 8:30 –9:50</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	
<b>2nd Period: 9:55 –11:15</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	
<b>11:15 – 11:55</b>		<b>Lunch (40 min)</b>			
<b>3rd Period: 11:55 –1:15</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	
<b>4th Period: 1:20 –2:40</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A</b>	
<b>Fridays will rotate, the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday is Day 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> is Day 2, 3<sup>rd</sup> is Day 3, 4<sup>th</sup> is Day 4, 5<sup>th</sup> is Day 1, etc.</b>					



September 6, 2022	School Opens
September 26, 2022	Non-instructional day
September 30, 2022	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 10, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
October 21, 2022	Non-instructional day
November 10, 2022	Non-instructional day
November 11, 2022	Remembrance Day
December 17 – January 2, 2023	Winter break
January 3, 2023	Schools reopen after winter break
February 20, 2023	Family Day
February 24, 2023	Non-instructional day
March 14 – March 18, 2023	School closure days
March 21 - March 25, 2023	Spring break
April 7, 2023	Good Friday
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday
May 5, 2023	Non-instructional day
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
May 29, 2023	Non-instructional day
June 30, 2023	Administrative day/Schools close

## 2022 -2023 DISTRICT CALENDAR

### 2022-23 Locker Distribution

Students will have the opportunity to select lockers in late August/early September. Exact date and times for locker selection will be communicated at a later date. Please look out for school communications in late August, and as always keep an eye on the Thunderbird Times app for information....stay tuned.

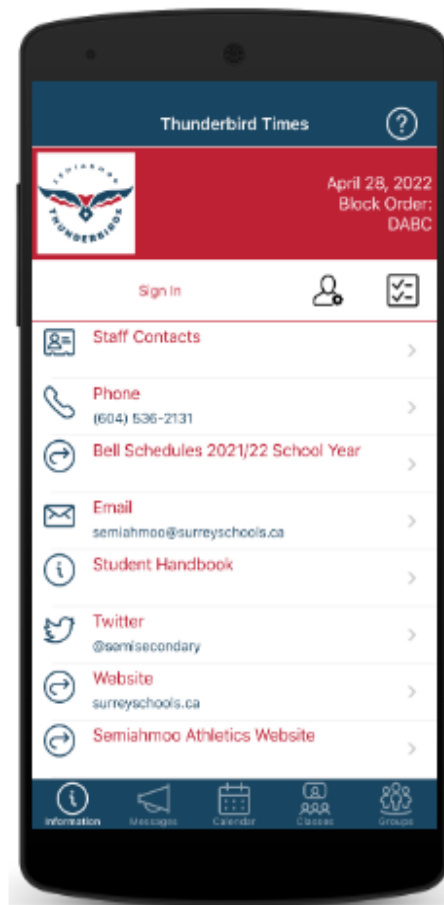


Don't forget to download the ThunderbirdTimes App! The school pushes out important notifications and information via the App , so it is a very valuable tool for students and parents to stay up-to-date.



## Download our "Thunderbird Times" app today!

- ★ Get all your notifications in one place, the way you prefer to receive them, and only what is relevant to you.
- ★ Stay organized with a unified, personalized calendar and reminders.
- ★ Quick and easy access to school information on your phone, always up-to-date.



"Thunderbird Times"



Search the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) for the free "Thunderbird Times" app, or visit [thunderbird.appazur.com/go](http://thunderbird.appazur.com/go).

-OR-

If you don't wish to use an iOS or Android device, sign up for email or SMS text notifications at:

[thunderbird.appazur.com](http://thunderbird.appazur.com)

-OR-

Text @semitime to  
**778-800-2585**.

-OR-



Use your phone's camera to follow this QR Code.

If prompted, be sure to allow push notifications.

Sign in to choose the messages and other information that are important to you:

Tap **Sign In** (on the Home tab) and follow the instructions on screen.  
Enter your school email address if you have one.

Choose the **Classes** tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select your Classes.

Choose the **Groups** tab, then tap the gear icon (top right) to select any clubs, teams, or other groups that you belong to.

To customize how you receive notifications, tap the User Settings icon on the Information tab.



# Career Department

Career Development Facilitator: Jana Wilson [Wilson\\_J@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Wilson_J@surreyschools.ca)

CLC and CLE Coordinator: Melody Ross [Ross\\_M@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Ross_M@surreyschools.ca)

Careers 8 & 9 Coordinator: Lori Pajic [Pajic\\_L@surreyschools.ca](mailto:Pajic_L@surreyschools.ca)

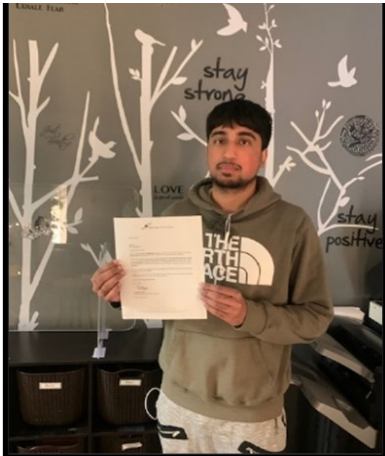
## Partnership Program Updates!

The Surrey School District, in partnership with local post-secondary institutes and the Industry Training Authority, offers a wide variety of Partnership Programs. These enable students to begin training in a specific occupation and save money. The Surrey School District pays the tuition. Students who participate in a Partnership Program may receive:

- elective credits toward secondary school graduation.
- post-secondary credit,
- Industry Training Authority (ITA) technical trades apprenticeship training.

Congratulations to our **Partnership Program** students who have been accepted to the first level of Apprenticeship Training at our partner college programs. These are highly competitive spots that are offered to students across the Surrey School District!

**Zak Ali** – KPU Millwright



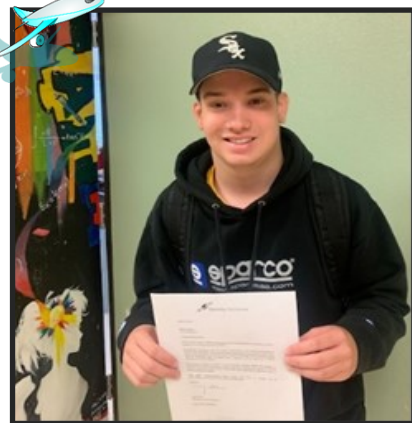
**Anthony Pupovac** – KPU Welding



**Cole Elgert** – KPU Carpentry



**Brett Dawson** – BCIT Aviation Exploration program



**Jake Fuller** – KPU Automotive program



**Hayden Sadler** – BCIT piping program



## HSOC (High School On Campus)

12 with an opportunity to complete a post-secondary course. Students can select from a variety of course options. HSOC courses are taught by KPU instructors and delivered onsite at KPU.

Delivered in partnership with Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), High School on Campus (HSOC) provides students in grades 11 and

**Congratulations** to the following students who are accepted to Kwantlen Polytechnic University for first year level university courses through the High School on Campus Program!

**Finn Toporowski**  
**Sneha Bansal**

**Yatharthha Kaushal**  
**Stanley Jin**

**Michael Craven**



# CREATIVITY

# ACTIVITY

# SERVICE

**CAS PROJECTS:** IB Grade 11 students have been busy planning and running their CAS projects in the areas of Creativity, Activity or Service. We would like to highlight two projects that have happened this Spring.



In the **Books for Better** project, Kaitlyn Lu, Helen Huang, Delphine Wang and Cindy Zhao organized a fundraiser where we hosted a second-hand book sale for students of our school and other members of our community. We realized that we all had a lot of books in our homes that we never used, so we wanted to repurpose these books for a good cause. Over a few weeks, we managed to collect a large variety of books from our peers, teachers, and neighbors. We then organized and sold these books to earn over \$600 to support the BC Children's Hospital Foundation's library resources.



**Trash to Treasure** is a combined shoreline clean up and art workshop organized by Melody Mo, Kyungmin Inn and Angie Mu and hosted by Art2Heart Foundation where the litter picked up from White Rock Beach is used to create treasurable art pieces. With the goal of promoting the idea that everything can be recycled and challenging youth to construct art pieces out of unfamiliar materials, over 30 students from local high schools came out to aid our environment and encourage youth to step out of their artistic comfort zones. Over 200 litres of garbage was removed from our beaches and over 13 amazing art pieces were created. The art created was presented at the annual Surrey Steps Up gallery to showcase youth's involvement in our community and was well-received by multiple people, including the mayor of Surrey, Doug McCallum.





# Semiahmoo Earthworks

The Earthworks Club has been very busy this Spring! On Earth Day, April 22, the Earthworks Club hosted a school-wide fair to spread awareness about current environmental issues and to celebrate our planet. Over 80 students were in attendance, playing carnival games, answering trivia, and winning prizes.

Earthworks also contributed to a worldwide BioBlitz called the City Nature Challenge, a friendly competition between cities across North America from April 29-May 2 to see who could document the most wildlife on iNaturalist. We received help with identifying native species during a guided walk through Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest with local experts from the Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society, the White Rock and Surrey Naturalists, and the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society. Over the course of three days, Earthworks members made a whopping 214 observations of plants and animals, and identified over 100 unique species! Biodiversity is key to any healthy ecosystem, and by getting out there, we can help scientists reach further than ever before and learn more about the natural spaces in our own backyards.

On June 3, we braved broken down buses and torrential rain to visit the UBC Beaty Biodiversity Museum, the Pacific Museum of the Earth and take a short tour through the UBC campus. This field trip was funded by a bursary through BC Green Games. On June 4, Earthworks ran a booth at the Sunnyside Acres Open House, hosting an invasive species game and allowing children to design their own ecology-themed button. The students have been working hard this year to promote environmental initiatives in the school and community.





# THE GREAT RACE

The Great Race is back! It was a smaller event than in previous year, but much bigger than either of the last two years!

This fundraising and awareness campaign to support scholarships for girls' education and clean water through ACCES Kenya culminated in a series of fun races at the track on Friday, May 27th. The weather was beautiful! We had a perfect amount of sunshine and warmth, and plenty of good spirit and energy. Thanks to generous donors, we are sending over \$300 to ACCES Kenya this year.

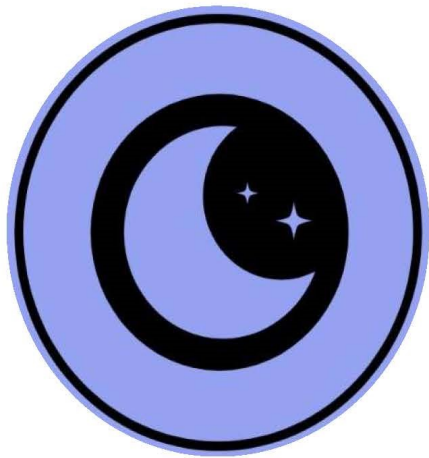
"The Great Race was such a fun initiative carried out by Globalizers to raise money and awareness for an important cause. The welcoming atmosphere of the event made it all the better. I enjoyed getting the opportunity to experience the event, as it had been cancelled due to covid the past two years. Looking forward to many more Great Races in the future."



**ACCES**  
Alleviating poverty through education

**GLOBALIZERS**





# The Half Moon Podcast

At the beginning of this semester, Semiahmoo's Student Council started work on The Half Moon Podcast. Since then, eight episodes have been recorded, with even more on the way. The podcast team has been able to cover mental health, interview staff, and even host live commentary at the senior boy's basketball championship. The Half Moon Podcast already has hundreds of regular listeners from the school community and plans to expand our team to produce quality weekly episodes. The Half Moon Podcast program has created an opportunity for student journalism and expression in a unique, fun, and modern format.

With so much exciting content on the way make sure to follow The Half Moon Podcast on Instagram (@HalfMoonPodcast) and subscribe to us on any of the major podcast platforms (List on SemiahmooStuco.com).



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# SCHOOL FEES 2022-23

## BASIC STUDENT FEE:

**Student Activity Fee** \$25

(The student fee will be directed to Student Council, Grade 8 Student Agendas/ SemiTime App, Athletics, Locks, student events and consumable supplies)

## OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

<b>Athletics - volleyball, basketball, rugby, ultimate</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Athletics - all other sports</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Graduation/Ceremony Fee</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>Yearbook</b>	<b>\$60</b> (price-before Sept. 23)
	<b>\$65</b> (price after Sept. 23)



## WORKBOOKS:

<b>Foundations of Math 11 &amp; 12</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>IB Biology Study Guide</b>	<b>\$55</b>
<b>Pre-Calc Mathematics 11 (Pearson)</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>BC Science (Gr. 8, 9 &amp; 10 Connections)</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Foundations of Math/Pre Calculus</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>BC Science Physics 11/12</b>	<b>\$25</b>
<b>Workplace Math 11</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>Chemistry 11/12 – Hebden</b>	<b>\$24</b>
<b>Study Matrix online support</b>	<b>\$10</b>	<b>Textiles 8 –Fabric/Supplies(optional)</b>	<b>\$10</b>

## DEPOSITS FOR TEXTBOOKS OR CALCULATORS (FULLY REFUNDABLE)

**Graphing calculator** \$120

## SPECIALTY ACADEMY FEES:

**International Baccalaureate** \$183 per exam (estimated)

*\*Families who are unable to pay fees should contact the Principal. All requests to waive fees will be kept confidential.*

## Appendix: Legislation and School Fees

Instruction is provided free of charge to all students registered in a school's education program sufficient to meet the general requirements of graduation, and it shall provide free of charge any resource material necessary to participate in that program. The School Act permits the charging of fees for certain items. In Surrey secondary schools, the following structure applies through Board [Policy 9802](#) related to fees and any costs for students or families. Any school fees will be communicated to parents and students of each school's community on an annual basis.

### **Basic School Supplies**

Students will need to provide their own basic supplies and equipment for their own personal use at school. This includes supplies such as paper, writing tools, calculators, notebooks, gym strip, sewing kits, and some other items needed for various electives.

### **Inability to Pay Fees**

The district's hardship policy is an important part of our fees. No student will be denied the ability to participate in any part of the school's educational programs as a result of an inability to pay. Every school must develop a process whereby fees may be waived because of financial hardship. The process must incorporate the principles of fairness, confidentiality, and sensitivity, while maintaining family respect and dignity. All letters to parents requesting payment of a fee will include a statement that explains the school district's fee waiver policy and the protection of privacy.

### **Student Activity Fee**

This fee is charged to all students and is in the range of \$20-25 per student. Each school will communicate to parents and students the breakdown of where the funds from activity fees are directed. Typical activities supported by these fees are: Student agenda, Student council events, athletics, locks.

### **Certification**

Some programs include a component that offers an external certificate recognizing unique qualifications. Examples are St. John's First Aid, Food Safe, Superhost, and Worldhost. These certificates help prepare students for employment and schools charge a fee to recover the cost of certification. The cost to the student will match the cost to the school for the certificate.



## **Athletics**

Participation in athletics and organized sports is an important part of a school's culture. Each secondary school is unique in the sports offered and the levels at which they participate. Students can expect a cost for participation which is dependent on the level of the sport, the number of games or tournaments played, the travel involved as well as other factors including fees for referees which are paid by the school. A significant portion of the costs associated with athletics go to the provincial bodies that organize these events. Every attempt is made to keep costs to a minimum and it is normal practice to have parents pay in a lump sum at the beginning of any one sport season so parents understand the true costs involved for full participation. No school shall generate an ongoing surplus as the result of collection of fees for athletic programs and organized extracurricular sports.

## **Examinations**

Some programs offer external examinations where students can obtain credit for post-secondary institutions as a result of successfully completing the exam. International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement are examples. Where students take these exams, a fee is charged to recover the cost of the examination and the fee shall be less than or equal to the actual cost of the exam.

## **Field trips**

Students may be charged fees for expenses such as transportation, accommodation, meals, entrance fees and equipment rentals for optional field trips, or other extracurricular outings or events. Students will not be charged fees for any field studies/field trips where attendance is mandatory as part of a course or program.

## **Graduation Ceremonies**

The graduation ceremony is an important tradition that represents the end of a student's school experience. Costs do apply as these extracurricular events are hosted in a variety of venues across the district and different traditions and formats require different levels of student costs. No student will be denied the ability to participate in a graduation ceremony due to an inability to pay the cost. Every effort is made to keep costs to a minimum and no school will compile an ongoing surplus as a result of monies collected to host a graduation ceremony.

## **International Baccalaureate (IB)**

The IB program is based on standards and curriculum developed by the International Baccalaureate Organization. This program meets all requirements of our province and also offers additional opportunities and enhancements. A Board may charge a fee for students enrolled in an IB program for direct costs that are above and beyond the costs required for a standard educational program. These fees must be published on an annual basis.

## **Materials consumed in a course**

In courses that consume materials (e.g. art, cooking, woodworking, metalwork, science) schools can only charge for materials or goods that are surplus to what would be necessary for the student to meet the expected outcomes in a course. If a student is going beyond the basic requirements of a course and creating projects for personal use (e.g. creating a table of mahogany rather than plywood), then the student may bring their own materials from home or the cost for the materials for these enhanced projects may be recovered through a fee.

## **Musical Instruments**

A board may charge a fee for the rental of a musical instrument for the student's personal use or the student may provide their own instrument when he/she is part of a fine arts class or a course with a musical component.

## **Students in Apprenticeship Programs**

Where students participate in a trades program that results in certification or is part of an Industry Training Authority apprenticeship, fees may be charged for the rental of tools, equipment and materials necessary for participation in the program or the Board may require the student to purchase his or her own tools, equipment and materials required for the program.

## **Textbook or Calculator Deposits**

In accordance with the School Act, the Board may require deposits for educational resource materials, such as textbooks, novels and other resource materials. The Board will refund all of the deposit to the student upon return of the educational resource materials in good condition. Students will be advised of terms of the deposit at the time the deposit is required. Waiver procedures must be in place for all deposits.

## **Uniforms**

Students sometimes need special clothing (uniforms for band or for cafeteria) to participate in an educational program. These clothes are not a requirement to participate in a program but are logical savings for parents where clothes could be soiled or damaged in shops or the cafeteria. If the clothes (e.g. band or choir uniforms) are owned by the school, a fully refundable deposit may be required to ensure the return in good condition.

## **Workbooks**

Workbooks are optional enhancements to educational programs. These workbooks are designed for a student's personal use as they will write in the books during the course of instruction. Where a workbook is regularly used as part of a course and a student does not wish to purchase their own workbook, one will be provided and students will not be permitted to write in the workbook.

Where there is an optional fee for a workbook, that fee will match as close as reasonably possible to the exact cost of the workbook to the school. No school will accumulate an ongoing surplus as a result of workbook fees.

## **Yearbooks**

Yearbooks are common in schools and are optional. The cost for a yearbook for a school shall be directly related to the development and publishing costs of the yearbook and no school shall generate an ongoing surplus as the result of the fees charged to students who wish to buy a yearbook.