

La Matheson Fee Schedule Information – 2026/27



Parents/Caregivers and students are advised of the following optional enhancement fees for the 2026/2027 school year. La Matheson will provide basic materials and resources free of charge necessary for students to meet the general requirements for graduation. 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 attire, sewing kits, and some other items needed for various electives. Fees will differ from school to school, as each secondary school is unique in the educational programs and courses and extra-curricular activities offered.

A. Student Activity Fee

This fee is charged to all students and is \$20 per student. Typical activities supported by these fees are:
- Student agenda/app, student council events, athletics, locks, and student events

B. Optional Enhancements – Educational Programs

Optional fees can be charged for materials or goods that are in addition to what would be necessary for the student to meet the expected outcomes in a course.

C. Optional Enhancements – Extra-curricular | Activities

Optional fees can be charged for extra-curricular activities, events and goods where participation or attendance is **not** mandatory as part of a course or program.

For further information on fees see **Appendix A** on page 3.

1. **Payments:** Surrey Schools use [Schools Cash Online](#) as an easy to use, convenient and safe way for parents and caregivers to pay for their children's school fees. To pay by cash/cheque please contact the school office.
2. **Receipts:** The individual who paid for the item using [Schools Cash Online](#) will receive confirmation of the purchase on screen once payment has been successfully processed. You can print a copy of the electronic receipt by clicking the "Print" icon. This information is also recorded in the "Payment History" tab. A receipt will also be emailed to the email address associated with the system account.
3. **Refunds:** Any refunds issued for fees by the school will be sent using [School Cash Online](#), contact your school office if you would like to request refunds for any items purchased.
4. **Financial Hardship:** 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 because of an inability to pay. If you wish to discuss the implications of any fee on your child's learning, please contact the principal.



STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE:

\$ 20.00

OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENT FEES:

OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS					
Name of Fee	Grade				
	8	9	10	11	12
Workbooks - This fee is for students choosing for personal use/writing in a workbook.					
Math – Person Pre-Calculus				\$32	\$32
AP Exam Fee				\$135	\$135
Chemistry				\$25	\$25
Accounting				\$25	\$25
Music/Band – This fee is for students that need to rent their instrument	Fee various depends on instrument				
OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS - EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES					
Graduation Ceremony Fee - facility rental, cap and gown, certificate, decorations					\$50
Yearbook – cost is related to production and number of pages.	Cost Varies depending on the quantity ordered \$45 - \$55				
Athletics - League registration fees, insurance fees, referee fees, tournament fees, field rental, program fees. Each school may have sports in different tiers depending on program size.					
Basketball	\$150	\$220	\$220	\$300	\$300
Volleyball	\$60	\$80	\$80	\$120	\$120
Soccer	\$60				
Rugby	\$50	\$60	\$60	\$80	\$80
Badminton	\$40				
Golf	\$200				
Cricket	\$80				
Track & Field	\$20				
Cross Country	\$20				
Jersey Deposit (refundable when jersey is returned)	\$150				
If teams make Provincials, there will be extra costs involved.					
High Performance Soccer - instructor fees twice a week for the entire year	\$175				

Appendix A: Additional Information School Fees

Instruction is provided free of charge to all students registered in a school's educational program sufficient to meet the general requirements of graduation, and the school 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. Please refer to the District [Policy 9802](#) and [Procedure 9802.1](#) for more information about school fees. Any school fees will be communicated to parents and students of each school's community on an annual basis.

Optional Enhancements – Educational Programs

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 the student 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.

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 in addition 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.

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.

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.

Specialty Academies

Some schools have "specialty academies" which are educational programs that emphasize a particular sport, activity or subject area. All academies require consultation with the Parent Advisory Council of a school and approval of the Board of Education. As part of the Board approval, a specific

fee may be charged to support the academy and that fee must be directly related to the activities that are above and beyond a standard educational program. See page 5 for approved fees.

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. See page 5 for approved fees.

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 their own tools, equipment and materials required for the program.

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.

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.

Optional Enhancements – Extra-Curricular Activities

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.

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.

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.

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.