

Credit Recovery & Remediation

Guidance Document on School Fees

LEAs are required to provide remediation courses to secondary students who do not meet competency levels in English, Mathematics, Science, or Social Studies. LEAs are also permitted to charge a fee for participation in these courses as provided in 53G-9-803.

53G-9-803

(2) A school district or charter school shall implement programs for secondary school students to attain the competency levels and graduation requirements established by the state board.

(3) (a) A school district or charter school shall establish remediation programs for secondary school students who do not meet competency levels in English, mathematics, science, or social studies.

(b) Participation in the programs is mandatory for secondary school students who fail to meet the competency levels based on classroom performance.

(6) A school district or charter school may charge secondary school students a fee to participate in the remediation programs unless the secondary school student is in grade 6.

LEAs may also make credit recovery courses available to secondary students who need to repeat or retake a course in order to graduate. As participation in these classes is mandatory and increases a student's competency levels and helps them to meet graduation requirements, **any charge** associated with these courses **is** consider a fee. These fees shall be listed on the LEAs fee schedule and **are subject to fee waivers**.

53G-7-501

(7)(a) "Fee" means a charge, expense, deposit, rental, or payment:

(i) regardless of how the charge, expense, deposit, rental, or payment is termed, described, requested, or required directly or indirectly;

(ii) in the form of money, goods, or services; and

(iii) that is a condition to a student's full participation in an activity, course, or program that an LEA provides, sponsors, or supports.

R277-407-9(1)(a) All fees are subject to waiver.

Additionally, any instructional material provided for a student to complete a remediation or credit recovery course, is considered a textbook and shall be provided free of charge.

53G-7-501

(19)(a) "Textbook" means instructional material necessary for participation in an activity, course, or program, regardless of the format of the material.

(b) "Textbook" includes:

(i) a hardcopy book or printed pages of instructional material, including a consumable workbook; or

(ii) computer hardware, software, or digital content

53G-7-503 (2)(b)

(iii) an expense related to the following post-secondary-related courses, including tuition, college credit, an exam, or a textbook, as described in Section 53G-7-506:

(A) an Advanced Placement course;

(B) an International Baccalaureate course; or

(C) a concurrent enrollment course, as described in Section 53E-10-302

Questions, Comments, or Concerns? Contact the state School Fees team at schoolfees@schools.utah.gov.