



## **Student fees for Students Attending a Livingstone Range School Division school but Residing on the Blood Reserve**

This document is intended to clarify matters related to student fees for “Nominal Roll” students attending Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 schools and pertains only to those Nominal Roll students who are the financial responsibility of Kainai Board of Education due to their residence being on the Blood Reserve. Such students must meet the Nominal Roll requirements for that school year as outlined by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

Students who reside off-reserve do not have student fees covered by either Kainai Board of Education or Livingstone Range School Division, meaning the student or parents are fully responsible for all student fees charged by the school that the student is attending.

Kainai Board of Education pays to Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 an annual supply fee for each student who resides on the Blood Reserve but attends school in Livingstone Range School Division No. 68. The annual fee paid by Kainai Board of Education is in lieu of the student or parent being charged related instructional fees as would otherwise be charged to students attending the school, either FNMI student or otherwise. This annual fee is to cover the cost of required curricular supplies, materials and fees associated with enrolment in a Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 school.

School supplies funding, as described above, is intended to cover instructional items which are compulsory for both FNMI and non-FNMI students. Items which are usually compulsory include: pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, loose leaf paper, scribblers, and binders. In some grades, students may be required to have items like pencil crayons, geometry set, a calculator, glue, or an outfit for physical education. The funding for school supplies would normally cover such compulsory items, but not necessarily new equipment each year, or expensive items where more modest ones would suffice. For example, if a calculator is compulsory for all students at the high school level, the supply fee may provide for the use of a calculator for each student when they enter grade ten. If something happens to the calculator, it would be the student or parents’ responsibility to obtain another. In the case of a compulsory physical education outfit, the funding is intended to cover shorts and a t-shirt or a similar outfit.

Textbook rental fees and other instructional fees are regarded as 'school supplies'. These instructional fees cover extra costs for specific courses and frequently include home economics, industrial arts, music, physical education and art. The supply fee would cover the costs related to rental of school-owned music equipment where available. Any cost related to student purchase of music equipment or rental of music equipment from a private or retail source is the responsibility of the student or parent.

Some costs related to compulsory field trip are also covered as 'school fees' or related fees. Transportation costs, entrance fees, lift tickets, and equipment rentals are allowed and covered. Costs related to food or accommodations are not covered and are the responsibility of the student or parent.

School photos, yearbooks, and running shoes are not covered. Although they may be compulsory in some cases, they are not related to instructional needs. Any fees which are refundable are also not covered. Compulsory student union fees are covered as they encourage participation in other aspects of education. Locker rentals and fees for locks are covered if they are compulsory and if no portion of the fee is refundable. Charges for lost books are not covered.

In addition to the annual supply fee paid by Kainai Board of Education to Livingstone Range School Division No. 68, Kainai Board of Educational will also pay a maximum of \$100 per student per course for CTS Construction and Fabrication courses. Individual project course costs over \$100 per student are the responsibility of the student and parent. In cases where the student or parent cannot pay their portion of the project costs, the student or parent may appeal directly to Kainai Board of Education to have Kainai Board of Education cover the costs of project fees over \$100.00.

Kainai Board of Education does not cover the cost of fees associated with student participation in extra-curricular activities at the school, with any such costs being the full responsibility of the student and parent.

In review, the main considerations for the provision of 'school supplies' funding is as follows:

1. The FNMI student is resident on the Blood Reserve and attending a Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 school and included on the September 30<sup>th</sup> Nominal Roll count;
2. The fees are compulsory for all students and are related to instruction;
3. No portion of the fee is refundable to the student or parent;
4. Field trips are approved and do not include costs for food or accommodation;
5. The same fees are charged to both FNMI and non-FNMI students alike.

Clarification regarding this matter may be obtained by contacting Livingstone Range School Division No. 68 at 403-625-3356 or Kainai Board of Education at 403-737-3966.