I. This policy is based on Minn. Stat 123b.34-123B.39 public school fee law. Lakes International Language Academy (the “School”) may require fees for:
   a. Any program where the resultant product, in excess of minimum requirements and at the pupil’s option, becomes personal property of the pupil;
   b. Admission fees or charges for extracurricular activities, where attendance is optional and where the admission fees or charges a student must pay to attend or participate in an extracurricular activity is the same for all students;
   c. A security deposit for the return of materials, supplies or equipment;
   d. Items of personal use or products that a student has an option to purchase;
   e. Field trips that are supplementary to or additional enrichment programs;
   f. Transportation of pupils to and from extracurricular activities conducted at locations other than school, where attendance is optional;
   g. Personal and consumable items, such as pencils, paper, etc.

II. The School will not charge for:
   a. textbooks, workbooks, art materials, laboratory supplies, towels;
   b. supplies necessary for participation in any instructional course except as authorized in sections I.a. of this policy;
   c. field trips that are required as a part of a basic education program or course;
   d. graduation caps, gowns, any specific form of dress required for any educational program, and diplomas; Students will have the option to purchase these graduation items and keep them as their personal property, if students choose not to purchase these items, the School will provide these items for the purposes of graduation with the expectation of the student returning these items to the School as stated in sections I.a. of this policy.
   e. library books required to be utilized for any educational course or program;
   f. instructional costs for necessary school personnel employed in any course or educational program required for graduation;
   g. any admission or examination cost for any required educational course or program.
III. However, a fee will be assessed to replace any of the above items that are provided by the School and have been written in, lost, damaged or destroyed by the pupils. Replacement value will be used to assess the cost of such items. The School must annually notify parents or guardians and students about its policy to charge a fee under this paragraph.

IV. The School’s Executive Director or designee may choose to waive any deposit or fee if any pupil or pupil’s guardian or parent is unable to pay for it.

V. The School will not withhold grades for non-payment of student fees, but this provision does not prohibit the school from maintaining any action provided by the law for the collection of fees authorized to collect.

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