

Summers County Board of Education

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CHARGE FOR LOST OR DANAGED TEXTBOOKS

It shall be the policy of the Summers County Board of Education to provide textbooks to all students of Summers County Schools. These textbooks are provided at a cost of many thousands of dollars. Also each year there are textbooks that are lost through negligence or destroyed because of vandalism. The cost of these textbooks also runs into the thousands of dollars.

For these reasons and to promote careful use of textbooks the Summers County Board of Education for the School Year 1991-1992 will begin to charge parents for the REPLACEMENT cost of the books lost or damaged. Previously parents have only been charged a portion of the cost. If books are received and signed for at the beginning of the year students and their parent(s) are responsible for them until they are returned in good condition at the end of the period for which they are used. If the books are returned in usable condition and on time there will be no charge for the use of the books. However, if the books are not returned, or if they are returned in a condition that would keep them from being used the following year then the parent will be charged replacement cost of the book. In general, a book will be charged for if the contents are marked enough to interfere with effective study.

It will be the responsibility of the textbook department to number each textbook sequentially so they can be distinguished from one another. The textbook department will also provide the schools with a list of the replacement cost of textbooks. The list will be updated as necessary.

It will be the responsibility of the classroom teacher who distributes the textbooks to record the number of the textbook in the class record book or other safe place so that it can be determined which textbook was given to each student. Classroom teachers will collect textbooks at the end of their period of use. If textbooks are not returned the teacher will notify the parent that the book has not been returned and make a serious effort to collect the replacement cost of the book. If the cost of the book has not been paid within two weeks of the date of notification the matter will be turned over to the principal and textbook department for collection. If the cost of the books can not be recovered by normal means the matter will be submitted to magistrate court for collection. If books are lost and paid for by a parent, and later found, then the money will be refunded