

Liberty CUSD 2 assesses several types of fees for students.

Fee types are listed here.

Instructional Fee - This fee is assessed to all students in grades K-6. The purpose of this fee is to cover the cost of curriculum materials, much of which is licensed and is in digital format, typically online. Although textbooks are still used in some instances, much of the material currently used is not, and when in a digital format, is continuously updated.

Technology Fee - Every student in grades K-12 is uniquely assigned a device for use in class (or at home). Typically this is a Chromebook, but in Kindergarten it will be an iPad. Chromebooks for grades 1-5 are kept in classroom carts; each student is assigned a specific device, which fosters a sense of responsibility for its proper use and care. iPads are similarly assigned in Kindergarten. Students in grades 6-12 are assigned a Chromebook and carry case, which they may take home. This fee covers the cost of these devices and licensing, network infrastructure maintenance (over 60 WiFi access points and 24 switches), content filtering (as required by law), and Internet access.

Elementary STEM - Students in grades K-5 will participate in STEM activities to provide exposure to various components of STEM curriculum. This fee helps offset the cost of the non-reusable materials used in student projects. STEM is defined as:

Science: *Understanding the natural world through observation, experimentation, and research (e.g., biology, chemistry, physics).*

Technology: *The application of tools, systems, and digital solutions to solve problems and improve efficiency (e.g., computer science, coding, IT).*

Engineering: *Designing, building, and optimizing structures, machines, and processes using scientific and mathematical principles.*

Mathematics: *The foundational language and logic used to make precise calculations, identify patterns, and support problem-solving across all areas.*

Course / Credit Fees - Junior High and High School students may be assessed fees for various courses required for graduation. Some courses require materials such as workbooks, and others may require a fee for an activity related to the course. These fees may be based on a quarter, semester, or year-long basis. Like Elementary, some courses are STEM-related.

Padlock Fee - At some grade levels, a padlock is required for the lockers. A district-issued padlock allows our staff to assist in unlocking when necessary and/or changing the combination.

Planner Fee - At some grade levels, students are issued a planner. This is a tool that students use to plan their classwork and to develop their organizational and time-management skills.

Questions about fees should be directed to the appropriate school office.