

Staff Report



April 15, 2025

To Board of Education (Public Meeting)

From Sean Nosek, Superintendent/CEO

Re Academy Fees for 2025-2026

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board of Education approve the following academy fees for the 2025-26 school year:

- Abbotsford Middle School Soccer Academy - \$500
- Abbotsford Senior Secondary Soccer Academy - \$900
- Eugene Reimer Middle School Soccer Academy - \$450
- Robert Bateman Secondary Golf Academy - \$2,800
- Yale Softball Academy - \$2,750
- Yale Baseball Skills Academy - \$3,000

RATIONALE:

Specialty academies have been offered to students in Abbotsford schools as per Section 82.1 of the *School Act*. The Board must establish a schedule of fees for academies and provide this information for the public by July 1 of each school year as per Section 82.1(5) of the *School Act*. The Board must also obtain approval from the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees for the academy as noted in the *School Act*, Section 82.1(6). In accordance with Section 82.1 of the *School Act*, the fees for each academy have been approved by the respective parents' advisory councils. These fees will be communicated to the public accordingly. All fees, including the financial hardship clause, are in accordance with Administrative Procedure 317 - *Student Fees*.

Fees for all the academies remain the same except for the following:

- ERMS Soccer Academy has increased by \$51 due to increased costs associated with coaching and equipment/training aids/apparel.
- The Human Performance Academy will not be running at Rick Hansen Secondary or Abbotsford Traditional School for the 2025-26 school year.
- The High-Performance Golf Academy at Robert Bateman Secondary will not be offered for the 2025-26 school year.

Program	Grade	2024-25	2025-26
AMS Soccer Academy	6-8	\$500	\$500
ASSS Soccer Academy	9-12	\$900	\$900
ERMS Soccer Academy	6-7	\$399	\$450
RBSS Golf Academy	9-12	\$2,800	\$2,800
Yale Softball	9-12	\$2,750	\$2,750
Yale Baseball (Skills)	9-12	\$3,000	\$3,000

Specialty academies

- 82.1** (1) In this section, "**specialty academy**" means an educational program that emphasizes a particular sport, activity or subject area and meets the prescribed criteria set out in the regulations.
- (2) A board may offer a specialty academy if
- (a) the board has consulted with the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposes to offer the specialty academy, and
 - (b) the board is of the opinion that there is sufficient demand for the specialty academy.
- (3) A board that offers a specialty academy must
- (a) make available sufficient instruction for students enrolled in the specialty academy to meet the general requirements for graduation, and
 - (b) continue to offer a standard educational program in the school district.
- (4) Despite section 82, but subject to section 82.4, a board may charge a student enrolled in a specialty academy fees relating to the direct costs incurred by the board in providing the specialty academy that are in addition to the costs of providing a standard educational program.
- (5) On or before July 1 of each school year, a board that offers a specialty academy must
- (a) establish a schedule of fees to be charged under subsection (4), and
 - (b) make the schedule of fees available to the public.
- (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees under subsection (5), a board must
- (a) consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and
 - (b) obtain the approval of that parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.