

SUBLETTE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Pinedale, Wyoming

POLICY 6280: REIMBURSEMENT AND PAYMENT FOR CREDIT CLASSES, ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES AND TESTING

It is the purpose of Sublette BOCES to provide high school students in Sublette County School District #1, including home school students, educational enrichment. To accomplish that purpose Sublette BOCES provides assistance through scholarships, a wide range of grants-in-aid, and payments for qualified exam fees.

Scholarships:

Sublette BOCES provides scholarships to help pay for coursework at accredited post-secondary institutions.

Post Graduation Scholarships

New graduates of Pinedale High School who enroll as full-time students at an accredited institution are eligible for the Sublette BOCES post-secondary scholarships.

Pre Graduation Scholarships

If current Pinedale High School students or home school high school students residing in Sublette #1 School District enroll in other courses at accredited institutions for enrichment, tuition reimbursement is available if they pass the class with a grade of a "C" or better. Reimbursement will not exceed the resident student cost for the same credits at the University of Wyoming. Sublette BOCES limits support for all academic enrichment activities to one-time per fiscal year per student. Any course taken as an enrichment course must also be pre-approved by Sublette BOCES.

Sublette BOCES also provides scholarship assistance for dual and concurrent classes held at Pinedale High School. In the case of dual courses, BOCES pays for tuition, fees, and books for students enrolled in dual courses at institutions with which Pinedale High School agrees to accept credits. In the case of concurrent classes at Pinedale High School, Sublette BOCES pays for books.

Sublette BOCES will also reimburse tuition cost for resident students who take online college summer courses for credit. Courses must be pre-approved and Sublette BOCES will only reimburse for tuition if the student passes the class with a grade of a "C" or better. Furthermore, reimbursement will not exceed the resident student cost for the same credits at the University of Wyoming.

If a student fails to receive a "C" or better in a dual, concurrent or enrichment class, they will not be eligible for any future pre-graduation scholarships until they retake the failed course and receive a "C" or better grade. Sublette BOCES will not pay for retaking a course.

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Grants-in-Aid:

BOCES also has a far-reaching grant-in-aid program available to K-12 students residing in the Sublette School District #1 who wish to engage in other forms of educational enrichment, such as sponsored trips with an educational purpose, higher education experiences, and academic competitions. Grants-in-aid are limited to \$500 per fiscal year per student and BOCES will not pay for a repeat experience in the same fiscal year. Sublette BOCES will pay up to \$500 per student, and up to \$5,000 to groups of students of ten or more who apply for a grant. Groups are led by an adult leader or sponsor and defined by all attending the same educational experience. In the case of group applications, the amount awarded will not exceed \$500 per student.

The maximum paid for a grant-in-aid is \$500 but applicants are expected to pay a significant portion of the total cost of the trip or program.

In extraordinary circumstances, a grant-in-aid may be awarded for more than \$500 if one or more of the following are demonstrated.

1. Extraordinary financial need
2. Exceptional enrichment experience is available
3. Unusual circumstances arise that present unique obstacles to the ability to engage in a valued enrichment experience

To receive funding above the \$500, the applicant must meet with the Director and then attend a regular meeting of the Board to seek approval of the request.

Exam Fees:

Sublette BOCES pays for exam fees, if the student is either enrolled in a Sublette County District #1 school or is a home schooled student in the district. Payments for exam fees are typically paid for PSAT, ACT, or Advanced Placement tests. BOCES pays for certification exams for courses taken as dual or concurrent classes, such as the Certified Nursing Assistant exam or an OSHA Safety Certificate exam.

Other:

Sublette BOCES does not reimburse for the costs of home school curriculum or classes; nor, credit recovery classes.

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