

72-4417. Tuition and fees of students; liability; schedule. (a) Students admitted to a career technical education course or program which is conducted by the school district in which the student is enrolled may be charged fees but shall not be charged tuition.

(b) Postsecondary students admitted to a career technical education course or program shall pay tuition and fees as provided by laws applicable thereto.

(c) (1) Secondary students admitted to a career technical education course or program which is conducted by a community college, technical college or institute of technology may be charged fees, but shall not be charged tuition.

(2) Each school year, to the extent there are sufficient moneys appropriated to the career technical education secondary program, the state board of regents shall distribute state funds to community colleges, technical colleges and the Washburn institute of technology for the cost associated with secondary students enrolled in postsecondary career technical education programs as determined by the state board of regents.

(3) For purposes of this subsection:

(A) "Community college" means any community college established in accordance with chapter 71 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(B) "Fees" means those charges assessed against a student by a community college, technical college or the institute of technology for student services, such as health clinics, athletic activities and technology services, or for books, supplies or other materials necessary for a particular course or program, the expense of which is not covered by tuition.

(C) "Institute of technology" means the institute of technology at Washburn university.

(D) "Secondary student" means a pupil who: (i) Has not attained a high school diploma or a general educational development (GED) credential; and (ii) is regularly enrolled in and attending a public or private secondary school.

(E) "Technical college" means a technical college designated pursuant to K.S.A. 72-4472, 72-4473, 72-4474, 72-4475, 72-4477 or 72-4477a, and amendments thereto.

(F) "Tuition" means those charges assessed against a student by a community college, technical college or the institute of technology on a per credit hour, per course or per term basis, and that are charged to cover the general expense of providing instructional services.

(d) Students admitted to a vocational education course or program which is not conducted by the school district in which the student is enrolled shall be charged tuition and fees determined in accordance with subsection (e), subject however to the following: (1) Tuition or fees, or tuition and fees may be paid for the student in accordance with any agreement made under K.S.A. 72-4421, and amendments thereto; or

(2) if tuition of a student is not paid under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the tuition of the student shall be paid by the school district in which the student is enrolled. No school district shall pay tuition for a student who is a postsecondary student, and no school district shall be required to pay tuition or fees of a student who is eligible to have tuition and fees for the course or training the student selects paid by any state or federal agency from moneys, funds or appropriations made available under any one or more state or federal programs. Any state agency administering any one or more such programs shall pay such tuition and fees upon proper application by a student therefor.

(e) All tuition and fees charged for career technical education by any board shall be in such amounts as are authorized by rules and regulations adopted by the state board which shall establish general guidelines for tuition and fee schedules in career technical education courses and programs, except that tuition of postsecondary students shall be fixed in accordance with K.S.A. 72-4433, and amendments thereto. The particular tuition and fee schedule of every career technical education program shall be subject to annual approval of the state board. A current complete schedule of tuition and fees for each career technical education course and program of each board as approved by the state board shall be maintained on file in the office of the state board, and shall be open for public inspection at any reasonable time.

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