

WAC 132Y-320-085 Fees. (1) In accordance with RCW 42.56.070(7) and 42.56.120, the district may charge fees for providing copies of public records. The district has determined that calculating the actual costs for providing copies would be unduly burdensome. This determination is based on the large number of factors involved in calculating the actual cost and the frequency with which these factors change. The district does not currently have accurate data regarding these factors, nor does it have the resources or appropriated funds to conduct an actual cost study. The district cannot divert resources away from other critical district programs in order to perform such a cost study. Additionally, such a study would likely need to be repeated on a regular basis. Therefore, the district adopts the schedule of fees provided in RCW 42.56.120(2).

(2) No fee shall be charged for the inspection of public records, however, in some cases the district will charge a fee for providing copies of public records. These fees are summarized in the fee schedule available on the district's website at www.edcc.edu.

These charges represent the amount necessary to reimburse the district for its actual costs incident to such copying and/or electronic document preparation. Additionally, the district may impose a customized service charge to cover its costs if the request requires the use of IT expertise to prepare data compilations or if such customized access services are not used by the agency for other business purposes. The district may require a ten percent deposit in advance if the fee for producing copies of responsive records will exceed one hundred dollars. All fees must be paid by credit or debit card, money order, cashier's check or cash in advance. The charges above may be combined to the extent that more than one type of charge applies to copies produced in response to a particular request.

Upon request, the district will provide a summary of the applicable charges before any copies are made and the requestor may revise the request to reduce the number of copies to be made and reduce the applicable charges.

(3) If the requestor fails to pay fees incurred for copying by the specified payment date, the district will close the request. In such a case, the requestor will receive notification at least ten business days in advance that the request will be closed for nonpayment.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140. WSR 18-19-046, § 132Y-320-085, filed 9/14/18, effective 10/15/18.]