



**THE NAVAJO NATION
JOHNSON-O'MALLEY PROGRAM**

**SUPPLEMENTAL PARENTAL COST
A POLICY GUIDELINE/SAMPLE**

The guidelines for parental cost expenses shall be consistent with 25 CFR § 273. The Johnson-O'Malley Department administration encourages the Indian Education Committee to prioritize all parental cost/educational support items.

Parental cost expenses are those expenditures directly benefiting the eligible Indian students in his/her classroom and other school-related activities which a parent or guidance ordinarily would be expected to pay. The amount of funds allocated to a Parental Cost line item should be reasonable and in no event exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total cost budget.

Allowable Parental Cost Items

Classroom fees and consumable supplies: Lab fees (science), art supplies and fees, consumable vocational education supplies and fees (home economics, drawing, welding, auto mechanics); band instrument rentals and supplies; test fees (SAT, PSAT, ACT) one-time only; supplemental materials for specialized classes, such as: bilingual, remedial, gifted, and Native American culture; consumable personal supplies, e.g., pencils, pens, erasers, papers, notebooks, etc.; items needed for required academic courses, such as: physical and vocational education classes; student fees, such as: lectures, class projects, assemblies, book/science fairs; academic achievement recognition and meals/lodging for academically-related student travel; and Graduation cap and gown.

Unallowable Parental Cost Items

Recreational activities; girls/boys scout camps; personal clothing; extra-curriculum activities, e.g., spectators (activity cards); legal fees; medical expenses; student pictures; annual books; invitation cards; receptions and banquets for extra-curriculum activities; and student insurance.

Emergency Parental Costs

Eyeglasses may be purchased with JOM funds for eligible Indian students through JOM education plans supported by a "Parental Cost Eyeglasses Policy" and current written justification* from the local Indian Health Unit that the U.S. Public Health Service doesn't have funds available for eyeglasses.

**NOTE: The U.S. Public Health Service is obligated by law to provide any health-related services and items for eligible Indian students.*

Class Field Trips

Class field trips expenses of an educational nature are allowable when the Indian Education Committee determines that field trip expenses are supplementary to the basic public school program, and that individual field trip expenses shall not exceed the JOM program's per capita rate