

### **1E SBCCC 600.3 Self-supporting Fee Rates**

- (a) A college shall set all self-supporting fees consistent with the policy adopted by its board of trustees. A college may adopt different self-supporting fees for different courses and activities, subject to the limitations established by this subsection.
- (b) Curriculum Self-Supporting Fee Rates: Colleges shall determine self-supporting fees for curriculum courses using one of the following two methods of calculation:
  - (1) Pro-rata Share Method. The amount charged to each student shall approximate the pro-rata share of the direct and indirect costs associated with providing self-supporting instruction. Unless the college can demonstrate a need for a higher rate, a college may estimate indirect costs by applying its federal indirect cost rate or a rate up to 25%, whichever is higher, to the direct costs of providing the self-supporting activity. The amount charged to the student shall be calculated based on either 1) the estimated costs of an individual self-supporting course section divided by the number of students expected to enroll in the course section or 2) the estimated costs of a set of self-supporting course sections divided by the number of students expected to enroll in the set of course sections. Each student must pay the self-supporting fee even if the sum of the curriculum tuition and self-supporting fees charged to the student for the academic term exceeds the maximum tuition rate set by the State Board and academic term.
  - (2) Transparent Rate Method. The college shall charge each student an amount consistent with the curriculum tuition rate based on residency status. The transparent rate method shall only be used if the receipts generated through this method can adequately support the direct and indirect costs of the self-supporting instruction.
- (c) Continuing Education Self-Supporting Fee Rates: Colleges shall set self-supporting fees for continuing education course sections at a level at or below the local market rate for the type of continuing education instruction provided.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-5; G.S. 115D-39;*

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