

POLICY 1450 PUBLIC ACCESS TO DISTRICT DOCUMENTS

General Administration School/Community Relations

The District provides public access for the inspection and copying of the District's public records. As a general practice, the District requires advance payment of a copy fee which does not exceed ten (10) cents per page for pages not larger than nine by fourteen inches and a search and duplication fee that does not exceed the average hourly rate of pay for District clerical staff. However, copies of the District's public records may be provided without a fee or at a reduced fee when the Board determines that a reduction is in the public interest. In assessing fee reductions, the Board will consider the potential that the reduction will significantly contribute to public understanding of the District's operations and will consider the degree of commercial value to be gained by the person requesting a fee reduction. In accordance with state law, search time that would require more than clerical duplication of documents may be charged at the actual cost of research time.

Similarly, the District will provide public access for inspection and duplication of the District's public records maintained on audio, video, or similar media. Public access includes but is not limited to computer facilities, recording tapes, disks, video tapes, films, pictures, slides, graphics, and illustrations. The District requires advance payment not to exceed the cost of copies, staff time (not to exceed the average hourly rate of pay for clerical staff), and the cost of the disk or tape used for duplication.

In order to facilitate public access to the District's public records, the Board will appoint a custodian of records. The custodian will be responsible for maintaining the District's public records as well as for assuring access to the District's public records. The identity, business address, and office telephone number of the custodian of records will be published annually and will be available at the District's administrative office. The procedures for implementing public access provided in this policy are set forth in Regulation 1450.

Board Approved: November 9, 2017