

SECTION C: MICHIGAN ADULT EDUCATION POLICIES

POLICY	ISSUED	EFFECTIVE	RESCINDED
TUITION AND FEES	4-3-06	Ongoing	
<p>State Aid Act Section 107 (15): A district or intermediate district receiving funds under this section may establish a sliding scale of tuition rates based upon a participant’s family income. A district or intermediate district may charge a participant tuition to receive adult education services under this section from that sliding scale of tuition rates on a uniform basis. The amount of tuition charged per participant shall not exceed the actual operating cost per participant minus any funds received under this section per participant. A district or intermediate district may not charge a participant tuition under this section if the participant’s income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. NOTE: The 2006 HHS Poverty Guidelines can be found at: http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/06poverty.shtml</p> <p>Federal Legislation: Program income is defined by EDGAR in 34 CFR 80.25 (b) as “gross income received by the grantee or subgrantee directly generated by a grant supported activity, or earned only as a result of the grant agreement during the grant period.” Using special language in the July 1, 2004 grant award, OVAE has allowed states to use the “addition” option described in 34 CFR 80.25 (g)(2) so that funds so earned may be added to the grant and “used for the purposes and under the conditions of the grant agreement.” Under this language, local providers charging fees must use the program income generated by federal adult education funds for allowable costs to the federal adult education program, expanding available resources for adult education, workplace literacy, English language acquisition and adult secondary education. OVAE’s language in the grant award requires fees to be necessary and reasonable and established in a way that does not impose a barrier on the participation of disadvantaged persons that the program was designed to serve. You should be aware that 34 CFR 76.534 prohibits state or local programs from counting “tuition and fees collected from students toward meeting matching, cost-sharing or maintenance of effort requirements of a program.”</p>			