Explanation of College Fees

Day Tuition
The Board of higher Education sets Day Tuition rates for each of the public colleges in Massachusetts. Each individual college bills the students and when collected, it is remitted to the Commonwealth as general-purpose revenue. The Commonwealth appropriates maintenance funding to each campus actually to subsidize the cost of education for day students.

All College Fee
Local Boards of Trustees do not have tuition rate setting abilities; they do however have the ability to establish and set fees. The MassBay Board of Trustees has established the All College Fee which pays for most of the general educational and administrative costs to operate the College. This fee also includes an allocation that helps to fund student activities.

Course/Lab Fee
Course/Lab fees help the College to defray part of the additional costs that are associated with expensive laboratory, clinical, and/or technical intensive programs.

Facilities Fee
This fee is assessed to help the College make major facility improvements. Each College is required by the Board of Higher Education to spend 5% of its appropriation and student fee charges on deferred maintenance and facility renewal and replacement.

Technology Fee
This fee helps to cover the general technology available for general student-use labs, classrooms, and administrative computing.

Transportation Fee
This fee is assessed to help subsidize the cost of items such as shuttle services, parking lot maintenance, and winter snowplowing.

Student Health Insurance (waivable)
Student health insurance is mandatory. Massachusetts State Law requires health insurance for all students carrying nine (9) or more credit hours. Charges may be waived if the student provides written documentation that he/she is covered by a comparable policy. Health insurance is mandatory for all students in the Health Profession Programs regardless of the number of credits.

MASSPIRG Fee (waivable)
The Massachusetts Student Public Interest Research Group (MASSPIRG) is a non-profit consumer and environmental organization directed solely by students. The fee is automatically charged, but can be waived by the student.

Student Textbook Fund (waivable)
The Student Government Association and the MassBay Foundation have established this fund to help students defray the increasing costs of educational items such as textbooks. This fee is automatically applied to both full and part-time student bills, but can be waived by the student. For more information, including how to apply, please contact the Office of Student Development at 781-239-3142.

Late Registration Fee
A late registration fee of $50 is assessed if a student registers on the first day of classes or later. Students must register before the start of classes to avoid this fee.