

## **Interscholastic Athletics (Fees)**

All participants in inter-scholastic athletics at the middle school and senior high level will be assessed an athletic participation fee. This fee will help defray the escalating costs of equipment and programs. Funds from participants will be returned to athletes in the form of payments to contest officials, transportation to and from events, and the repair and/or replacement of materials and supplies.

The following guidelines are established for athletic fees in the district:

### Middle Schools

1. Participants in a competitive sport will be assessed a \$10.00 fee per sport with a \$20.00 maximum fee per year.
2. There will be a maximum fee of \$30.00 per family enrolled at the middle school level per year.
3. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches are exempt from fees for the entire school year.
4. Money will not be refunded to athletes who quit the team, or are removed due to academic ineligibility or infraction of the athletic code.
5. All participation fees must be paid in full prior to the athlete being allowed to participate.
6. Transfers into a district middle school or students who choose to participate after the first competitive contest will be required to pay the fee.
7. In special hardship cases, the athletic director may exempt individuals on a case-by-case basis.
8. All athletic fees must be paid to the bookkeeper at the middle school of attendance. Neither coaches nor managers may accept any athletic fees from athletes or parents.

Senior High School

1. Participants in a competitive sport will be assessed a \$15.00 fee per sport with a \$25.00 maximum fee per year.
2. There will be a maximum fee of \$50.00 per family per year at the senior high level.
3. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunches are exempt from the fee for the entire school year.
4. Athletes cut within 10 days of the start of the season will have their fees refunded.
5. Fees will not be refunded to athletes who quit the team, or who are removed due to academic ineligibility or infraction of the athletic code.
6. All participation fees must be paid in full prior to the athlete being allowed to participate.
7. Cheerleading is a co-curricular activity and is not subject to an athletic fee.
8. Transfers to the high school or students who choose to participate after the first competitive contest will be assessed the fee.
9. In special hardship cases, the athletic director may exempt individuals on a case-by-case basis.
10. Payment of fees does not guarantee that a student will play. Coaches will use their best Judgment to provide the best competitive teams in all sports.
11. All athletic fees must be paid to the bookkeeper at the high school. Coaches or managers shall not accept any athletic fees from athletes or parents.
12. Bingo and other fund-raisers may not be used to pay for any or all of any student's athletic fees.

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