

STUDENT FEES

The District's general policy is to provide for free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution. The District also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the District is permitted to charge student fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administration or Board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches and sponsors for further specifics.

The District's policy is to provide fee waivers in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act. Students who qualify for free or reduced price lunches under the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for: (1) materials for course projects, such as industrial arts classes and (2) use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Actual participation in the free or reduced price lunch program is not required to qualify for the waivers provided in this section. The District is not obligated to provide any particular type or quality of equipment or other material to eligible students.

The board realizes some activities may require additional expenditures which are properly to be borne by students as a separate charge. Such charges may be waived as specified below depending upon the student's eligibility for the free and reduced price lunch program. This policy does not apply to tuition payments by nonresident students.

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Extracurricular activities means student activities or organizations which are supervised or administered by the school district, which do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades, and in which participation is not otherwise required by the school district.
2. Postsecondary education costs means tuition, materials and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a postsecondary educational institution.

The district may charge student fees or require students to provide specialized equipment or attire in the following areas:

1. Participation in extracurricular activities, including extracurricular music courses;

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2. Admission fees and transportation charges for spectators attending extracurricular activities;
3. Postsecondary education costs, limited to tuition, materials and fees associated with obtaining credits from the postsecondary institution;
4. Transportation fees for option students not qualifying for free lunches and nonresident students as allowed by state statute;
5. Copies of student files or records as allowed by state statute;
6. Reimbursement to the district for property lost or damaged by the student;
7. Before and after school or pre kindergarten services in accordance with state statute;
8. Summer school or night school; and
9. Breakfast and lunch programs.

The district does not require students to furnish their own consumable items such as pencils, paper, pens, erasers, and notebooks for classroom purposes. Students may choose to bring those items, but it is not a requirement of the district. The district does require minor consumable items for extra curricular activities as required by Nebraska Statute.

The district may also require students to furnish musical instruments for participation in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Students qualifying for free or reduced price lunches shall be provided with a musical instrument of the school's choice.

Waivers for any of the following shall be provided for students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches:

- Fees and specialized equipment and specialized attire required for participation in extracurricular activities;
- Materials required for course projects where the project becomes the property of the student upon completion;
- Musical instruments for extra curricular music activities.

The superintendent shall establish a Student Fee Fund and ensure that funds collected as fees for the following purposes are properly recorded and deposited to it;

- Postsecondary education costs; and
- Summer school or night school

The superintendent shall promulgate regulations outlining the purposes for which fees in these two areas are collected and shall ensure such fees are spent for the purposes.

The superintendent shall promulgate regulations to be published annually governing;

1. Any non-specialized clothing required for specified courses and activities;
2. Any personal or consumable items a student will be required to furnish for specified courses and activities;
3. Any materials required for course projects if the project becomes the property of the student upon completion; and
4. Any specialized equipment or specialized attire which a student will be required to provide for any extra-curricular activity, including extra curricular music courses.

The superintendent shall also promulgate regulations authorizing and governing the following areas;

1. All fees to be collected within the nine numbered areas of the third paragraph of this policy;
2. Any other types of specialized equipment or attire to be provided by all students in the nine numbered areas of the third paragraph of this policy;
3. Procedures and forms for students or parent/guardians to apply for waivers under this policy;
4. Deadlines for waivers for all types of fees;
5. Procedures for allowing facilities use for NSAA District events to avoid conflict with this policy;
6. Procedures (to avoid the direct handling of fees; for the handling of fees) for students receiving postsecondary education credits;
7. Procedures for handling of fees related to summer school or night school;
8. Attendance requirements and procedures in connection with evening, weekend or summer use of facilities related to all extracurricular activities to avoid conflict with this policy.

This policy will be reviewed and re-adopted annually by August 1 with a Public Hearing at a regular or special meeting of the board. This shall include a review of the amount of money collected under this policy and the use of waivers as provided by this policy. The policy shall be published in the student handbook provided at no cost to each family with enrolled student/students.

Legal Reference: Neb. Constitution, Art VII, Sect. 1
 Neb. Statute 79-215 (tuition)
 79-241 (option student busing)
 79-605 (nonresident busing)
 79-611 (transportation fees)
 79-734 (books, equipment and supplies)
 79-2,104 (student files)
 79-2,125 to 2,134 (student fees law)
 79-1104 (before-and-after-school services)
 79-1106 to 1108 (learners with high ability)

Cross Reference: 505.05 Fines for Lost or Damaged Items
 506 Student Activities
 507.01 Student Records Access
 801 Transportation
 802.05 Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility
 1005.01 Public Complaints