

5045 Student Fees

The Central City Public Schools Board of Education realizes that some activities may require additional expenditures that 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. In other special cases where the parent\guardian requests that the student be exempted from charges, the superintendent shall determine granting of waivers. No fees, specialized or non specialized attire or equipment shall be required of students outside this policy. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

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 and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a postsecondary educational institution.
3. "Students" means students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.

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

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 that have completed the student fee waiver application 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 and have completed the student fee waiver application:

- 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 school district upon completion.

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:

- Participation in extracurricular activities;
- Postsecondary education costs; and
- Summer school or night school.

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

The superintendent shall promulgate regulations to be published annually in the student handbook authorizing and 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 when the project has more than minimal value; and
4. Any specialized equipment or specialized attire which a student will be required to provide for any extracurricular activity, including extracurricular 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 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.

The district will, when appropriate, request donations of money, materials, equipment or attire from parents, guardians and other members of the community to defray the costs of providing certain services and activities to students. These requests are not requirements and staff members of the district are directed to clearly communicate that fact to students, parents and patrons.

Public concerns or complaints regarding required fees, attire or equipment shall be addressed under Policy 2006.

This policy will be reviewed and re adopted annually by August 1 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 student.

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