

Title: STUDENT FEES

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Policy Text: The Board of Education recognizes some school activities may require additional costs which should be borne by students as a separate charge. Such charges will be kept to a minimum and in some cases may be waived as specified below depending upon the student's eligibility for the free and reduced-price lunch program. In addition, in special cases where the parent/guardian requests that the fee be waived, the administration, under the direction of 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 does not apply to tuition payments by nonresident students.

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

“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 required by the school district;

“Post-secondary education costs” means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

The District may charge student fees or require students to provide specialized equipment or attire for the following:

Participation in extracurricular activities, including extracurricular music courses

Admission fees and transportation charges for spectators attending extracurricular activities

Post-secondary education costs, limited to tuition and fees associated with obtaining credits from a post-secondary institution

Transportation for option students and nonresident students (not qualifying for free lunches) as allowed by state statute

Copies of student files or records as allowed by state statute

Reimbursement to the district for property lost or damaged by the student

Before-and-after school or pre-kindergarten services in accordance with state statute

Summer school or night school

Breakfast and lunch programs

Parking

The District may also require students to furnish musical instruments for participation in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. The schools will work with students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches to furnish each with an instrument consistent with the student's interest, taking into consideration the cost and availability of instruments at the time.

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

Admission fees for on site district-sponsored extracurricular activities and district transportation charges for spectators attending off site extracurricular activities

Materials required for course projects where the project becomes the property of the student upon completion of the course

The Superintendent shall establish a Student Fee Fund and ensure that funds collected as fees for the following purposes are properly recorded and deposited. The Superintendent shall make known the purposes for which fees in these three areas are collected and shall ensure such fees are spent for those purposes.

Participation in extracurricular activities

Post secondary education costs

Summer school or night school

The specific student fees that will be charged to students during the 2016-17 school year, and items that students will be required to furnish, are set forth on Appendix A and incorporated into this Policy.

A copy of the student handbook shall be provided to every student, or to every household in which at least one student resides, at no cost to the student or household, and shall include the details contained in this Policy regarding:

Any non-specialized attire required for specified courses and activities;

Any personal or consumable items a student will be required to furnish for participation in extracurricular activities;

Any specialized equipment or specialized attire which a student will be required to provide for any extracurricular activity, including extracurricular music courses;

Any fees required from a student for participation in any extracurricular activity;

Any fees required for post secondary education costs;

Any fees required for transportation costs;

Any fees required for copies of student files or education records;

Any fees required for participation in before and after school or pre-kindergarten services;

Any fees required for participation in summer school or night school;

Any fees for breakfast or lunch programs;

The waiver policy for student fees.

The Superintendent shall also make known the following information:

The collection of all fees allowable under this policy

Any other types of specialized equipment or attire to be provided by students and allowable under this policy

Procedures and forms for students or parent/guardians to apply for waivers under this policy

Deadlines for waivers for all types of fees

Procedures for allowing facilities use for NSAA District events to avoid conflict with this policy

Procedures for students receiving post-secondary education credits

Procedures for the handling of fees related to summer school or night school

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
Procedures for admitting students on waiver to extracurricular activities
Procedures for transportation of student spectators to extracurricular activities and collection of any related fees

This policy will be reviewed and adopted annually by August 1 at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Education. This shall include a review of all money collected under this policy and use of waivers as provided by this policy.

Legal Reference: Nebraska Constitution, Art VII, Sect. 1
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 service)
79-1106 to 1108 (learners with high ability)

Appendix A - 2016-17 Specification of Fees

All Westside Elementary Schools

Elementary students in the Westside Community Schools will not be charged any fees for general school supplies or consumable items for the classroom. The District will provide all general supply items required for classroom instruction.

Schools may ask students or parents to donate consumable items such as facial tissues or other items for general classroom use, although no such donation will be required of any student or family, and no student shall receive any advantage or benefit from voluntary participation.

The following items are to be paid, or be provided, by students at each elementary school:

1. Extracurricular Activities - Fees or Specialized Equipment/Attire*

Fees may be charged for optional extracurricular activities. Cost will vary, but shall not exceed \$25.00 per activity.

2. Transportation

Elementary students who are not otherwise entitled to bus transportation may contract directly with Chief Bus if such service is available:

Per Month:

1st student: One way \$41.00, Round trip: \$65.00

2nd student: One way \$38.50, Round trip: \$60.00

3rd student: One way \$36.00, Round trip: \$55.00

3. Copies of Student Files/Records

The District may charge a fee of 25 cents per page copied of education records, except that the charging of a fee shall not result in a parent or eligible student being unable to exercise his or her right to inspect or review student records. Copies are provided at no charge to any public or private school to which the student transfers.

4. Reimbursement for Lost or Damaged Property

Students and/or their parents/guardians are responsible for payment to the District for any District property issued to the student that is lost or damaged.

5. Before and After School Programs/Pre-Kindergarten

Before and after school programs, early childhood programs, and 4-year-old programs are operated by the Westside Foundation, and require payment of fees to the Foundation for participation. The fees are not required, set, or collected by the District.

6. Summer Sports Camps

Boys/Girls Basketball - \$50.00 for residents; \$60.00 for non-residents

Football Developmental - \$40.00 for residents; \$50.00 for non-residents

Boys/Girls Tennis - \$35.00 for resident; \$40.00 for non-residents

Volleyball - \$50.00 for residents; \$60.00 for non-residents

Wrestling Technique - \$60.00 for residents; \$70.00 for non-residents

7. Breakfast and Lunch Programs

The cost per meal shall be \$1.40 for breakfast and \$2.25 for lunch.

8. Non-Specialized Attire for Specified Courses and Activities

Physical Education Classes:

Students are required to provide tennis shoes or similar footwear.

9. Musical Instruments (Optional Courses - Non-Extracurricular)*

Students provide their own instruments for Band and/or Strings and necessary accessories.

Rental/purchase costs vary by instrument.

* The items marked with an asterisk may be waived under the District's fee waiver policy for students who qualify. An application for waiver must be submitted in advance to determine student qualification for a waiver. The District provides for the use of a musical instrument without charge for qualifying students; however this does not require the District provide for the use of a particular type of musical instrument and does not require the District to rent or purchase any instrument for a student. Any specialized equipment or attire, and any musical instruments, provided to a student under the waiver remains the property of the District and must be returned to the District at the conclusion of its use for school purposes.

** Provided free per state law requirements for qualifying students.

Westside Middle School

Westside Middle School students will not be charged any fees for general school supplies or consumable items. The District will provide all general supply items required for classroom instruction.

The school may ask students or parents to donate consumable items such as facial tissues or other items for general classroom use although no such donation will be required of any student or family, and no student shall receive any advantage or benefit from voluntary participation.

The following items are to be paid for, or provided by, students at Westside Middle School:

1. Extracurricular Activities - Fees or Specialized Equipment/Attire*
Band Competitions - Not to exceed \$30.00 (per competition)

Instruments - Students will be charged a rental fee for the use of school owned instruments for the school year - \$30.00 for percussion instruments and \$75.00 for all other instruments
Students will be charged a rental fee for the use of school owned instruments for the summer - \$35.00 for all instruments

Cheerleading Tryouts (9th Grade) - T-shirt - \$10.00
Extracurricular Sports Activity Fee - \$25.00 (one-time fee, regardless of number of sports)
Intramurals - Team shirt for all participants - \$10.00
Musical - Costume and snacks - \$40.00
Show Choir - Uniform charge - \$200.00
Other extracurricular activities - Not to exceed \$50.00 (per activity)
Optional Trips - Not to exceed \$2000.00 per trip

2. Extracurricular Activities - Minor Personal or Minor Consumable Items
Students will be required to furnish their own appropriate personal clothing items and any optional accessories for the particular activity.

3. Admission Fees/Transportation Charges for Spectators Attending Extracurricular Activities*
Admissions - Not to exceed \$10.00 (per event)

4. Transportation

WMS students who are not otherwise entitled to bus transportation may contract directly with Chief Bus if such service is available:

Per Month:

1st student: One way \$41.00, Round trip: \$65.00

2nd student: One way \$38.50, Round trip: \$60.00

3rd student: One way \$36.00, Round trip: \$55.00

5. Copies of Student Files/Records

The District may charge a fee of up to 25 cents per page copied of education records, except that the charging of a fee shall not result in a parent or eligible student being unable to exercise his or her right to inspect or review. Copies are provided at no charge to any public or private school to which the student transfers.

6. Reimbursement for Lost or Damaged Property

Students and/or their parents/guardians are responsible for payment to the District for any District property issued to the student that is lost or damaged. For school-issued laptop computers, students and their parents guardians may participate in the cooperative loss program.
- \$40.00

7. Summer/Night School

WMS Summer School Programs: **

District residents/students currently enrolled (regardless of residency) - \$150.00

Non-residents not currently enrolled - \$250.00

8. Summer Sports Camps

Boys/Girls Basketball - \$50.00 for residents; \$60.00 for non-residents

Girls Soccer - \$50.00 for residents; \$60.00 for non-residents

Football Developmental - \$40.00 for residents; \$50.00 for non-residents

Boys/Girls Tennis - \$35.00 for residents; \$40.00 for non-residents

Volleyball - \$50.00 for residents; \$60.00 for non-residents

Wrestling Technique - \$60.00 for residents; \$70.00 for non-residents

Strength, Speed, and Agility - \$45.00 for residents; \$55.00 for non-residents

9. Breakfast and Lunch Programs

Breakfast - \$1.65

Lunch - \$2.60

10. Non-Specialized Attire for Specified Courses and Activities

Physical Education Classes:

Each student required to provide shorts, t-shirt, and athletic shoes. \$5.00 for lost or destroyed school issued locks.

11. Musical Instruments (Optional Courses - Non-Extracurricular)*

Band/Strings - Students provide their own instruments and necessary accessories.

Rental/purchase costs vary by instrument.

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provided to a student under the waiver remains the property of the District and must be returned to the District at the conclusion of its use for school purposes.

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Westside High School

Westside High School students will not be charged any fees for general school supplies or consumable items. The District will provide all general supply items required for classroom instruction.

The school may ask students or parents to donate consumable items such as facial tissues or other items for general classroom use although no such donation will be required of any student or family, and no student shall receive any advantage or benefit from voluntary participation.

The following items are to be paid, or be provided, by students at Westside High School:

1. Extracurricular Activities - Fees or Specialized Equipment/Attire*

Band/Strings

Students provide their own instruments and necessary accessories. Rental/purchase costs vary by instrument. (This includes wind/percussion/string instruments)

Students will be charged for replacement of single copy music that is not returned - \$4.00

Students will be charged a rental fee for the use of school owned instruments for the school year (including percussion instruments) - \$75.00

Students will be charged a rental fee for the use of school owned instruments for the summer (including percussion instruments) - \$35.00

Students will be charged for optional recording expenses - \$55.00

Students will be charged for optional solo contest accompaniment cost - \$15.00

Students will be charged for costs associated with optional contests, festivals and events, not to exceed (per event) - \$25.00

WHS Band - Color Guard

Students will be charged for optional Color Guard uniforms if the members choose to not use the school provided uniforms. (not to exceed) - \$150.00

Students will be required to provide: leggings/tights/makeup/accessories (not to exceed) - \$80.00

Baseball and Softball

Students will be required to provide their own glove, bat and shoes.

Cheerleading

Students will be charged for the cost of each standard uniform and attendance at summer camp - \$1300.00

Debate/DECA/Journalism

Cost for competitions:

Not to exceed (w/o airfare) - \$500.00 and (with airfare) - \$1,000.00

Golf

Students will be required to provide their own clubs and shoes.

Intersession (per block) - \$10.00

Dance Team

Students will be charged for the cost of standard uniform and attendance at summer camp - \$1300.00

Soccer

Students will be required to provide shoes and designated shin guards

Student Council

"Launch" Summer Leadership Workshop (not mandatory, but highly recommended) - \$300.00 - (some scholarships are available for this workshop)

Swimming

Students will be required to provide designated swimwear, goggles and caps

Tennis

Students will be required to provide their own racket and soft-soled (tennis) shoes.

Vocal Music - Warrior Express

Rehearsal shirt, makeup, dance tights, dance briefs, and character shoes will be required for participation - \$135.00

Vocal Music - Simply Irresistible

Rehearsal shirt, make up, dance tights, dance briefs, and character shoes will be required for participation - \$135.00

Vocal Music - Varsity Show Choir

Rehearsal shirt, makeup, dance tights, dance briefs, and character shoes will be required for participation - \$135.00

Track

Students will be required to provide designated shoes.

Football

Students will be required to provide designated shoes.

Optional Trips (per trip) - Not to exceed \$2,000.00

2. Extracurricular Activities - Minor Personal or Minor Consumable Items

Students will be required to furnish their own appropriate personal clothing items and any optional accessories for the particular activity.

3. Admission Fees/Transportation Charges for Spectators Attending Extracurricular Activities*

Admission Fees - "Home" athletic events at WHS, plays, musicals, dances and social activities (not to exceed, per event) - \$15.00

Activity passes for admission to all home athletic events (excluding tournaments and NSAA events) - \$35.00

4. Post-secondary education costs

Advanced Placement (per test) - \$89.00

(The District provides reimbursement for this cost if a student receives a 3, 4 or 5 on the test, based on the lesser of \$89.00 or the amount the student has paid for the test and is not otherwise reimbursed)

PSAT (per test) - \$20.00

Dual Enrollment (maximum, per course) - \$450.00

5. Transportation

WHS students may contract directly with Chief Bus if such service is available:

Per Month:

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7. Reimbursement for Lost or Damaged Property

Students and/or their parents/guardians are responsible for payment to the District for any District property that is issued to the student and then lost, and for any damage to any District property where such damage was caused (in whole or in part) by the actions of the student. For school-issued laptop computers, students and their parents/guardians may participate in the cooperative loss program - \$40.00

8. Summer/Night School

WHS Summer School Program**

Resident or Currently Enrolled

One course - \$135.00

Two courses - \$195.00

Clinics (max. per clinic) - \$60.00

Non-resident not currently enrolled

One course - \$185.00

Two courses - \$285.00

Clinics (max. per clinic) - \$70.00

9. Summer Sports Camps

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Girls Soccer - \$ 50.00 for residents; \$60.00 for non-residents

Football Team Camp - \$60.00 for residents; \$70.00 for non-residents

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Wrestling Technique - \$60.00 for residents; \$70.00 for non-residents

Strength, Speed, and Agility - \$45.00 for residents; \$55.00 for non-residents

10. Parking (per school year) - \$25.00

11. Breakfast and Lunch Programs

Breakfast - \$1.80

Lunch - \$2.85 / \$3.35

A la carte items vary in price

12. Non-Specialized Attire for Specified Courses and Activities

Physical Education Classes:

Students will be required to provide black shorts, a white or gray t-shirt, and soft-soled (tennis) shoes

13. Musical Instruments (Optional Courses - Non-Extracurricular)*

Band/Strings - Students provide their own instruments and necessary accessories.

Rental/purchase costs vary by instrument.

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