

# Athletic Participation Fees

## Questions/Answers

**1. Why was athletics targeted as the only program to have a participation fee?**

In developing the FY13 Operating Budget, the School Board reviewed several options for addressing the reduction of state funding while trying to maintain existing programs and services. One of the decisions made by the Board was to charge a fee for participation in athletics. Another decision was to increase the fees charged for taking art, career and technical, and drama classes. Fees were also increased for renting band uniforms and instruments.

**2. Is there a maximum family fee?**

There is no cap for families. The maximum that a student pays for the middle school is \$100 and \$120 for the high school. There will not be a charge for the third season.

**3. Why is there no charge for the online payment? Who is picking up that charge?**

There will not be an additional charge for paying athletic fees online.

**4. Will parents be able to pay by check or cash?**

Yes, parents may pay at the school with a check or with cash.

**5. Would it be possible for families to pay in installments instead of one lump sum?**

This recommendation is under discussion, and a final decision has not been reached on this issue.

**6. Is the first contest too late to collect the fee? Coaches will have formed a team strategy already.**

Coaches typically need approximately a week for tryouts and then two weeks for the payment of fees – about the time of the second scrimmage and close to the first contest. Team strategies may have been formed; however, coaches routinely make personnel adjustments due to injuries, academic issues or other unexpected circumstances. Athletic directors will monitor the non-payment of fees and communicate the impact of this with coaches.

**7. Will students who transfer in after the season has started pay the full \$60 or \$50?**

Yes, fees will not be prorated.