

## **2436 STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE**

The Board of Education recognizes the value of athletic competition and co-curricular activities outside the regular instructional program. However, with reduced or limited revenue and increased expenses, the Board must consider alternative revenue options to support these school-sponsored activities. Therefore, the Board of Education authorizes the establishment of a Student Activity Fee as a supplemental revenue source contributing to a percentage of the school district's total costs for operating school-sponsored activities.

Annually, prior to the end of the school year, the Superintendent will recommend to the Board for approval, the guidelines and procedures for the Student Activity Fee for the next school year, including specific school-sponsored athletic or co-curricular activities and the related fee amounts. Each pupil participating in a specified fee-based school-sponsored athletic or co-curricular activity will be required to pay a participation fee. The Student Activity Fee shall be paid prior to the pupil's participation in the activity.

Annually, prior to the start of the school year, the Superintendent will communicate the guidelines and procedures of the Student Activity Fee to all district staff and the parents/guardians of all pupils.

The Student Activity Fee does not guarantee or influence participation time in athletic games, specific positions on an athletic team, or specific roles in performances or other clubs and activities. Those decisions are the sole responsibility of the coaches, directors and club advisors.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop a process to refund a Student Activity Fee under the circumstances when a student is not selected for the activity or is deemed ineligible for the activity prior to participation. Any participant who leaves the activity or who is removed for disciplinary or scholastic deficiencies is not eligible for a refund.

Upon request of a parent/guardian, the activity fee may be waived or reduced based on financial hardship using the New Jersey eligibility standards established for free and reduced price meals.

The Superintendent shall be authorized to approve an activity fee waiver or refund to a pupil for a reason(s) not listed above in extenuating circumstances.

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