

PUBLIC HEARING-BOARD POLICY FILE 1005.03 and FILE 504.19
Red Willow School District #73-0017
McCook Public Schools
6:30 PM Monday, August 8, 2016
Junior High Conference Room
700 W 7th St
McCook, NE 69001

1. Call to Order

1.1. Roll Call

1.2. Recognition of Open Meeting Law

1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Hearing to Review Board Policy - File 1005.03 - Parental Involvement in the Schools
(annual review)

3. Public Hearing to Review Board Policy - File 504.19 - Student Fees (annual review)

4. Adjournment

Adjourned by President Bredvick at 6:35 pm

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHOOLS

Involvement in Schools

The McCook Public School District hereby finds and declares: That parental involvement is a key factor in the education of children; that parents need to be informed of educational practices affecting their children; and that the school district should foster and facilitate, to the extent appropriate, parental information about, and involvement in, the education of their children. Along these lines:

1. Textbooks, tests, and other curriculum materials used in this school district are, and shall be, available for review by parents at school upon request. Since textbooks, tests, and other curriculum materials constantly change, and may be discarded when no longer needed by the school district, parents wishing to review such items must govern their requests accordingly.
2. Parents wishing to attend and monitor courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities must obtain prior approval of and from the proper teacher, counselor, or administrator, or they may be asked to leave. Parents attending or monitoring courses, assemblies, counseling sessions, and other instructional activities with prior approval who, by their conduct or presence interfere with the educational process or constitute an interference with school purposes, will be asked to leave.
3. The school district will excuse students from testing, classroom instruction, and other school experiences, upon parental request, only under circumstances required by law. Parental requests must be in writing and submitted to the proper teacher and administrator a reasonable time prior to the testing, classroom instruction, or other school experience, and must be accompanied by written proof, acceptable to the school district, that the action is required by law. A plan for an acceptable alternative shall be approved by the proper teacher and administrator prior to, and as a part of, the granting of any parent request.
4. Parents and others will be provided access to records of students according to law (e.g., Family Education Rights & Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. §123g or §79-4, 157, R.R.S., et seq.).

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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHOOLS

Involvement in Schools (cont.)

5. To assure proper measurement of educational progress and achievement, testing shall occur in this district. District staff shall determine appropriate methods of testing and frequency of occurrence.
6. Participation in surveys of students shall occur in this district from time to time when determined appropriate by district staff for educational purposes. Notification to parents will be made prior to a survey being taken. Parents may remove students from such surveys only under circumstances required by law. Parental requests must be in writing and submitted to the proper teacher and administrator a reasonable time prior to the survey, and must be accompanied by written proof, acceptable to the school district, that the action is required by law.

This policy is adopted following a public hearing to receive public comments and suggestions.

Legal Reference: Neb. Statute 79-530 to 533

STUDENT FEES

The board realizes some activities may require additional expenditures which are property to be borne by students as a separate charge. Such charges may be waived as specified below depending upon the student's eligibility for free and reduced-price lunch program. 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:

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.

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. Admission fees and transportation charges for spectators attending extracurricular activities;
3. Postsecondary education costs, limited to tuition 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 prekindergarten services in accordance with state statute;
8. Summer school or night school; and
9. Breakfast and lunch programs.

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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;
- Admission fees for onsite district-sponsored extracurricular activities and district transportation charges for spectators attending offsite extracurricular activities; and
- Materials required for course projects where the project becomes the property of the student 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; 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 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;
9. Procedures for admitting students on waiver to extracurricular activities; and
10. Procedures for transportation of student spectators to extracurricular activities and collection of any related fees.

Public concerns or complaints regarding required fees, attire or equipment shall be addressed under Policy 1005.01, Public Complaints.

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.

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 Damages Items
506 Student Activities
507.01 Student Records Access
801 Transportation
802.05 Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility
1005.01 Public Complaints

Program	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Free (Anticipated or Maximum), or Specific Material Required
Elementary Program		
Physical Education classes	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Tennis Shoes and white socks, running shorts, P.E. T-shirt \$5.00
Art classes and special projects or events	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Old shirt for painting; other clothing which may get paint on it or otherwise be damaged
Music -- Optional band courses	Musical instruments	Musical instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, drum sticks, lyres, flip folders, slide grease, reed guards, cleaning swabs, mouthpiece brushes, pad savers, ligatures, and a "gig bag", etc.) Limited instruments available for use by any students. Refundable damage deposit of \$20.00 for use of school owned instrument.
Classroom supplies	General supplies, such as writing instruments (pens, pencils, crayons, markers), notebooks, etc.	None -- necessary classroom supplies will be made available by the school. Students will be responsible for the replacement cost of damaged or lost supplies. Students are encouraged but not required to bring items from class supply lists which may be handed out by the office or individual teachers.
Field trips	Transportation and admission costs of field trips	None -- costs of school sponsored, class-related field trips will be paid for by the school. Parents may be encouraged but not required to pay for field trip costs of up to \$5.00 per student for each field trip to defray costs. (With administrative approval, the requested donation may be up to \$100.00 for special field trips). Meals on field trips will be at the expense of the student. School lunches will be provided as needed for free-reduced lunch eligible students.
Summer School courses	Classes offered during the summer, or at night, if any	\$50 per class
Copies	Use of school copiers (except for one copy of the student file, which will be provided without charge)	Twenty cents (.20) per page when charges apply
School Meals		Breakfast -- 1.20 (Elem/Central) Lunch -- \$2.00 (Elem) \$2.10 (Central) Prices are maximums based on one meal per day, will vary depending on the number of meals or items purchased by the student, and may be adjusted during the year.

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<u>Secondary Program</u>	<u>General Description of Fee or Material</u>	<u>\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required</u>
	\$40.00 usage fee	\$40.00 usage fee per student (fee is applicable for current academic school year) Fee can be waived by filling out proper paperwork and qualifying
Physical Education classes	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Tennis shoes and white socks, running shorts, T-shirt
Art and Shop classes and special projects	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Old shirt for painting; other clothing which may get paint on it or otherwise be damaged; protective clothing for shop classes
Music -- Optional band courses	Musical instruments	Musical instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, etc.) Limited instruments available for use by any student. Damage deposit of \$20.00 for use of school owned instruments.
Classroom supplies	General supplies, such as writing instruments (pens, pencils, crayons, markers), notebooks, etc.	None -- necessary classroom supplies will be made available by the school. Students will be responsible for the replacement cost of damaged or lost supplies. Students are encouraged but not required to bring items from class supply lists which may be handed out by the office or individual teachers.
Advanced Math or Science classes	Specialized calculators	Refundable damage deposit of \$25 per semester will be required for students who wish to use school calculators outside the classroom. Students are encouraged but not required to purchase such equipment for their personal use.
Copies	Use of school copies (except for one copy of the student file, which will be provided without charge)	Five cents (.05) per page when charges apply.
School Meals		Breakfast -- 1.30 (Junior/Senior High) Lunch -- \$2.25 (Junior/Senior High) Prices are maximums based on one meal per day, will vary depending on the number of meals or items purchased by the student, and may be adjusted during the year.
Post-Secondary education classes	Tuition and fees for college courses taken for credit	None -- Any post-secondary education costs are to be paid directly by students to the college
College entrance tests and preparation	Prep program & tests	Costs of college entrance tests or prep courses, such as ACT preparation tutoring, PSAT test, and ACT test, are optional and to be paid directly to the private companies involved
Summer School courses	Classes offered during summer, or at night, if any	Drivers Education class -- \$200 other classes -- \$50 per class
Locker usage	Use of school padlock	Refundable damage deposit of \$25 per year will be required for students who wish to use a school locker
Parking	Use of school parking lot during school day	\$20.00 per year. Students will be required to sign and display a parking permit

Extracurricular and other programs	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
athletic Programs		
1. Admission	Spectator fees for admission to events	\$5.00 per event maximum. Students may purchase an Activity Ticket for \$50.00 per year. For District and Conference events hosted by the school, cost to be set by NSAA but not to exceed \$20.00 per event.
2. Athletic Physicals	NSAA required athletic physicals	Cost varies; payable directly to student's physician or clinic
3. Athletic participation fee	Fee to participate in athletic programs	In the event an athletic participation fee is charged, the fee will be \$50.00 per year maximum.
4. Equipment and attire	Students are responsible for required equipment and attire appropriate to the sport or activity which are not provided by the school, and are responsible for any optional clothing, equipment, or other items associated with the sport or activity	Required items include athletic undergarments (supporter, bra, socks and undershirts), practice attire, including shorts, shirts, socks, and shoes suitable for the activity, and dress attire suitable for team travel. Optional items for which students are responsible include: personal athletic bags, hair ties, sweat band, non-required gloves, swim goggles, towels, forearm pads and personal medical devices (braces, orthopedic inserts, etc.). Additional required items for particular sports or activities include:
		Baseball Baseball glove
		Basketball No additional
		Tennis Tennis racquet
		Cross Country No additional
		Football Mouthpiece
		Golf Golf bag & clubs
		Soccer Soccer shin guards
		Softball Softball glove
		Speech/Debate Dress attire, copies of research
		Swim/Dive Swim suit
		Track No additional
		Volleyball Volleyball knee pads shorts for game uniform
		Wrestling Wrestling head gear
Cheerleading and Dance Team Squads Shoes, approved uniforms (top & skirt; jacket), poms and other accessories		
5. Travel meals	Meals	Students are responsible for their own meals while traveling. Individual sports or activities may request student to pay up to \$50 per season to be used towards team travel meals.
6. Locker use	Padlock for gym locker	Refundable damage deposit of \$25 per season will be required
7. Camps and Clinics	Registration and other costs of camps or clinics	Students are responsible for the cost of all clinics, camps, and conditioning programs. Any personal items purchased at camps or clinics, such as 6-shirts, shall be at the student's expense.

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8. Athletic Clubs	Letterman's' Club and other clubs supporting the athletic program	Annual dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club
Marching Band and Musical groups	Equipment and attire	Students will be responsible for the same costs as are set out for the athletic program. Students will be responsible for supplying their own musical instruments and accessories and for their own uniforms. Uniforms for the marching band will be supplied by the school; students may be required to pay a refundable band uniform rental fee of up to \$50.00
Academic Clubs & Organizations	All Clubs that have a state or national affiliation or dues	Dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club
Future Business Leaders (FBLA)	All Clubs that have a state or national affiliation or dues	Dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club
Future Farmers (FFA)	All Clubs that have a state or national affiliation or dues	Dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club
Family Career / Community Leaders (FCCLA)	All Clubs that have a state or national affiliation or dues	Dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club
National Honor Society (NHS)	All Clubs that have a state or national affiliation or dues	Dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club
Science Club (NORE)	All Clubs that have a state or national affiliation or dues	Dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club
Spanish Club	All Clubs that have a state or national affiliation or dues	Dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club
Destination Imagination	Travel meals, dues, and materials	Dues and necessary materials will be made available by the school. Students will be responsible for the replacement cost of damaged or lost supplies and travel meals.
Social & Recognition Activities		
1. School plays, musicals, and social activities	Admission to events	\$10.00 per play or activity
2. School Dances	Admission to prom, homecoming, etc.	\$25.00 per event
3. Class dues		Each of the six secondary classes may assess its members an amount not to exceed \$50.00 annually for rental and decoration of dance facilities, punch and snacks at social activities, memorials and recognition plaques, flowers, and cards, and similar class activities. The payment of such an assessment shall be strictly voluntary, but students who do not pay may be denied admission to extracurricular activities supported by the class dues.

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<p>4. Senior Recognition Assessment</p>	<p>Optional graduation activities</p>	<p>Participation in class activities, attendant to graduation (such as being part of the composite picture, special yearbook pages, etc.) is not required in order for students to receive their high school diploma. Students who choose to participate will be required to pay the cost of the items involved in the graduation ceremony and attendant class activities. These may include the rental of graduation robes, caps, tassels, class flowers, class gift, yearbook picture page, and class composite picture. A single Senior Class Recognition Assessment, not to exceed \$50, will be assessed to those Seniors who elect to participate in such activities</p>
<p>5. Trips</p>	<p>Transportation, lodging, meals, admission to events, etc.</p>	<p>Students are responsible for costs of school sponsored trips where the trip is an extracurricular activity. The maximum costs of such trips will be \$2,000 per student. If the trip is not school sponsored, the costs of the trip are not subject to this policy and no fee waivers will apply. A trip is not school sponsored if it is not supervised or administered by the school, attendance on the trip does not count towards graduation credit or grade advancement, and participation on the trip is voluntary for students.</p>