

Board of Education Student Fees Hearing
Red Willow School District #73-0017
McCook Public Schools
6:35 PM Monday, August 9, 2021
Junior High Conference Room
800 West 7th St
McCook, NE 69001

1. Call to Order

1.1. Roll Call

2. Public Comments

3. Adjournment of Public Hearing

4. Student Fees Policy

504.19 - 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.

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

Approved _____ Reviewed 8/13/2018 Revised _____

504.19R1 - STUDENT FEE WAIVER PROCEDURES

The board recognizes that while certain fees, specialized equipment, or specialized attire are appropriate and authorized, some students and their families are not financially able to afford them. The school district will grant waivers upon request to the students of families eligible for free or reduced priced meals under the federal Child Nutrition program.

Students or their parents must request a fee waiver prior to participating in or attending the activity, and prior to purchase of the materials. Waivers will not be approved retroactively for fees previously paid or specialized items, or attire purchased by students. Only those fees and items eligible for waivers as required by state statute shall be waived.

Parents or students eligible for waivers shall make an application on the form provided by the school district. Applications may be made at any time but must be renewed annually. Denial of a waiver may be appealed to the superintendent, but eligibility is strictly dependent upon meeting financial guidelines established by the Child Nutrition program.

The school district will treat the application and waiver process as any other student record and student confidentiality and access provisions will be followed.

The school district will annually notify parents and students of the waiver. The student fee policy and guidelines will be published annually in the Student Handbook.

Article 5	STUDENTS	<u>Appendix to Policy No. 504.19</u>
Appendix "1" to 2003-2004 Student Fees Policy of		
MCCOOK PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
Program	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum)₂ or Specific Material Required
<u>Elementary Program</u>		
Physical Education classes	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Tennis shoes and white socks, running shorts, T-shirt. cost: \$6.80
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)	Five cents (.05) per page when charges apply
School Meals		Breakfast -- \$1.40 Lunch -- \$2.10 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.
Secondary Program	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
Physical Education classes	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Tennis shoes and white socks, running shorts, T-shirt. cost: \$6.80
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 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.
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 copiers (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 -- \$1.50 Lunch -- \$2.65 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 postsecondary education costs are to be paid directly by students to the college.

College entrance tests and preparation	Prep programs & 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 -- \$250 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	Up to \$6.00 per event. Students may purchase an Activity Ticket up to \$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 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 bands, 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: Select choir and add additional items.
	Others:	Softball: Glove
		Tennis: racquet
		Football: Mouth piece
		Golf: Bag and clubs
		Speech/Debate: Dress attire
		Swim/Dive: Swim suit
		Volleyball: Kneew pads and shorts
		Wrestling: Head gear
		Cheer and Dance: Shoes, approved uniforms (top & skirt, jacket) poms and other
5. Travel meals	Meals	Students are responsible for their own meals while traveling. Individual sports or activities may request students 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 t-shirts, shall be at the student's expense.

8. Athletic Clubs	Letterman's club and other clubs supporting the athletic program.	Annual dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club
9. 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. Band T-shirts not to exceed \$10.00.
Clubs/Organizations	All Clubs that have a state or national affiliation or dues	Dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club.
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.

<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>