## **POLICY**

## HOWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## 2436 ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION FEE PROGRAM

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 an activity participation fee program.

The Activity Participation Fee Program may require each pupil participating in a school-sponsored athletic or co-curricular activity to pay a participation fee. The specific activities and fee amounts will be recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and approved by the Board.

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.

A refund of the activity fee will only be made in the event the pupil is not accepted into the activity due to the lack of available space or opportunity within the activity (i.e. the pupil does not receive a part in a drama program production, the pupil is cut from an athletic team, it is determined the pupil is ineligible for participation in the activity due to any reason prior to participation in the activity etc.). A refund of the activity fee will also be provided in the event the district does not offer the activity subsequent to the registration/sign-up process. A refund will not be provided in the event the pupil quits during the course of the activity. The Superintendent of Schools shall be authorized to approve an activity fee refund to a pupil for a reason(s) not listed above in extenuating circumstances.

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