

SOUTH BUTLER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

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122.2 STUDENTACTIVITY FEES	
1. Purpose	The district has a tradition of offering high-quality extracurricular programs to its students. In times of budget challenges, the Board seeks to continue this tradition; however, it is the responsibility of the Board to ensure that the costs of such extracurricular programs are reasonable and controlled.
2. Authority	<p>Growing costs associated with funded activities/sports should be offset by student participants and their families. With the goal of developing increasing ownership in the programs and a consideration of all stakeholder interests, the Board shall establish and collect fair, reasonable, and equitable student activity fees in accordance with this policy.</p> <p>Fees shall be set at levels that will not discourage participation, within a structure that represents underlying costs and a consideration of the fee policies of surrounding districts and other support provided by booster organizations. Provisions shall be made for the exemption from paying either a part or all of the fees for students whose economic situation would otherwise preclude their involvement in funded activities/sports.</p>
3. Definitions	<p>Activity fee - a fee charged to supplement the expenses associated with providing co- and extracurricular opportunities to a student.</p> <p>Funded activities/sports – co- and extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletics that are supported by paid coaches or advisors.</p> <p>Family fee cap - the maximum limit placed on the amount of activity fees a family has to pay to participate in funded activities/sports in all district schools in a school year.</p> <p>Activity fee waiver - an activity fee waiver offered by the district for families experiencing financial hardship.</p> <p>Free and reduced lunch students - categorically eligible students are those who automatically qualify for free benefits by virtue of their status as one of the following: (1) a member of a household, as determined by the administering agency,</p>

<p>Pol. 122, 123</p>	<p>receiving assistance under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,;(2) a homeless child as determined by the district’s homeless liaison or by the director of a homeless shelter; (4) a migrant child as determined by the state or local Migrant Education Program coordinator; or (5) a runaway child who is receiving assistance from a program under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and is identified by the local educational liaison.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines</p>	<p>Participation in funded activities/sports is optional.</p> <p>Parents/Guardians and students will be notified of the requirement to pay activity fees for funded activities/sports annually. All fee structures will include a family fee cap.</p> <p>An online system may be available as the method of payment for all activity fees.</p>
<p>Pol. 137.1, 140.1</p>	<p>Coaches and advisors of funded activities/sports shall provide a roster of students to the athletic director.</p> <p>Activity fees shall be collected at the beginning of each season or school year for funded activities/sports. To the extent the activity limits the number of participants, activity fees shall be collected after final cuts are announced. Coaches and advisors will receive a list of students who have paid their activity fee.</p> <p>The activity fee shall be paid within the first three weeks of the activity. Failure to pay the fee will deem the student ineligible to participate in the activity until the activity fee is paid. Parents/ Guardians will be notified before the student is deemed ineligible to ensure the family is not experiencing financial hardship.</p> <p>There shall be no refunds of the student activity fee after the initial three-week period if the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student quits the activity. 2. Student moves out of the district. 3. Student suffers an activity-ending injury. 4. Student becomes academically ineligible. 5. Student is dismissed for disciplinary reasons. 6. Student or parent/guardian is not satisfied with the playing/participation time or role assigned to the student.

<p>5. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>Students attending charter schools and home education students involved in extracurricular programs in accordance with Board policy shall also pay the required activity fee to participate in funded activities/sports.</p> <p><i>Exceptions –</i></p> <p>Free and reduced lunch students shall not be required to pay an activity fee to participate in funded activities/sports. The identity of free and reduced lunch students shall be kept confidential.</p> <p>Families experiencing financial hardship may apply for an activity fee waiver. Applications may be obtained online or by contacting the athletic director; applications shall be submitted to the athletic director for review. The identity of students receiving activity fee waivers shall be kept confidential.</p> <p>Participation in a service activity shall not require the payment of an activity fee.</p> <p>The district’s athletic director shall be responsible for the collecting and maintaining records on the payment of the student activity fee by each student.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to review activity fee charges relative to district costs. The student activity fee shall be established annually by the Board.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>Board Policy – 000, 122, 123, 137.1, 140.1</p>
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