

5045 Student Fees

The school district shall provide free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution and the Nebraska statutes. The district also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the district is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

A. Definitions.

- 1.** "Students" means students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.
- 2.** "Extracurricular activities" means student activities or organizations that (1) are supervised or administered by the district; (2) do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades; and (3) are not otherwise required by the district.
- 3.** "Post-secondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

B. Listing of Fees Charged by this District.

1. Guidelines for Clothing Required for Specified Courses and Activities.

Students are responsible for complying with the district's grooming and attire guidelines and for furnishing all clothing required for any special programs, courses or activities in which they participate. The teacher, coach, or sponsor of the activity will provide students with written guidelines that detail any special clothing requirements and explain why the special clothing is required for the specific program, course or activity.

2. Safety Equipment and Attire.

The district will provide students with all safety equipment and attire that is required by law. Building administrators will assure that (a) such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, (b) teachers are directed to instruct students in the use of such devices, and (c) students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for using the devices safely and as instructed.

3. Personal or Consumable Items.

The district does provide students with personal or consumable items for participation in courses and activities including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers and notebooks. Students who wish to supply their own personal or consumable items may do so, as long as those items comply with the requirements of the district. The district will provide students with facilities, equipment, materials and supplies, including books. Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students will be charged for damage to school property caused by the student and will be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of any school property that they lose.

4. Materials Required for Course Projects.

The district will provide students with the materials necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. In courses where students choose to produce a project that requires materials beyond the basic materials provided by the district, the students will furnish the materials, purchase the materials from the school, or purchase the materials from an outside vendor with an order form provided by the school.

5. Technological Devices

The district will provide students with the technological devices necessary to complete all basic curricular projects.

Technology fee structure

A fee must be paid in order for students to check out an iPad or Macbook (when approved) from Springfield Platteview Community Schools as part of our 1:1 iPad Initiative. If the parent does not want their student to check out the device and have 24/7 use, the device

must be returned to the school's media center at the end of each school day.

The current fee is \$20 annually per device. This fee is applicable for one academic school year. The fee should not exceed \$60 per family annually.

Coverage Table: The fee covers anything not covered by the AppleCare warranty program:

| Claims | With Fee | Without Fee | Additional Fee | Replacement Cost |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| *Lost/Stolen iPad/Non-Repairable | \$300 | \$350 (full replacement cost) | Sync Cable Only | \$10 |
| Cracked iPad Screen (Remains Usable) | Covered | \$350 (full replacement cost) | Puck (Plug-In) | \$20 |
| iPads Repairs | Covered | Actual Repair Cost (not to exceed \$350.00) | Puck and Sync Cable | \$30 |
| *Lost, Stolen Laptop/Non-Repairable | \$500 | \$750 (total replacement cost) | School Issued Case | \$30 |
| Cracked Laptop Screen/ Repairs (Remains Usable) | Actual Repair Cost (not to exceed \$500.00) | Actual Repair Cost (not to exceed \$750.00) | Laptop Charger | \$79 |

*Fees will be applied at the district's discretion due to the incident.

Peripheral devices (e.g., Apple Pencil, Logitech Crayon) will be charged to the student at the district's cost for replacement.

Parents will have the option to pay the annual fee of \$20. Since MacBooks do not have AppleCare, the district will apply fees at its discretion due to the incident.

If there is an outstanding fee (including lunch balance) from the previous year, devices will not be issued in the new school year.

The student/guardian will review and sign off on these fees during returning student verification at the start of each school year.

Extracurricular Activities.

The district may charge students a fee to participate in extracurricular activities to cover the district’s reasonable costs in offering such activities. The district may require students to furnish specialized equipment and clothing that is required for participation in extracurricular activities, or may charge a reasonable fee for the use of district-owned equipment or attire. Attached to this policy is a list of the fees charged for particular activities. The coach or sponsor will provide students with additional written guidelines detailing the fees charged, the equipment and/or clothing required, or the usage fee charged. The guidelines will explain the reasons that fees, equipment and/or clothing are required for the activity.

Elementary Schools

| Program | General Description of Fee or Material | \$ Amount of fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or specific material required |
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| 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 |
| Classroom Projects | Project Cost (Which may be a fee charged) | Student pays cost that is beyond the standard project provided by the school. |
| 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 |

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| | | bring items from class supply lists. |
| Copies | Use of school copiers (except for one copy of the student file, which will be provided without charge). | Ten cents (.10) per page when charges apply. |
| 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 \$10.00 per student for each field trip to defray costs. (With administrative approval, the requested donation may be up to \$100.00 for overnight field trips. Currently, 6th grade Outdoor Education is \$50-75. 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. |
| 4th Grade (Music Class) | Recorder | \$10-\$15 |
| 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, piece brushes, pad savers, ligatures, and a "gig bag", etc.) Limited instruments available for use by any student. Instrument Rental Fee is \$35 for Tier 1 and \$25-75 for Tier 2 per year for use of school owned instruments. |
| Music-Optional Honor Choir | Coordinating group attire | Special shirts (Appx. \$8-15) |
| Picture Packets | Optional - Pictures are still taken for use in school yearbook | Students purchase packets as desired and pay directly to photo company |
| Physical Education classes | Appropriate clothing (non specialized attire) | Soft Soled/Tennis shoes and socks, running shorts, T shirt |
| Summer school courses | Classes offered during the | None for Guided |

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| | summer, or at night, if any | Reading/Library use. \$35 to \$200 per class for electives; None - Free-reduced lunch students |
| Yearbook-Optional | Cost of Yearbook | The book is optional (Appx. \$25) |

Secondary Schools

| Program | General Description of Fee or Material | \$ Amount of fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or specific material required |
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| Advanced math or science classes | Specialized calculators | Some calculators will be available at school. If lost or damaged, a replacement fee will be assessed at a rate paid by the school. Students are encouraged but not required to purchase such equipment for their personal use. |
| Art Fees | Fee for materials | Foundation of Art- \$25, Drawing- \$25, Painting -\$25, Advanced Art-\$25, Pottery-\$25, 3D Art -\$30 |
| Art and shop classes and special projects, science classes | Appropriate clothing (non specialized attire) Goggles-1 pair provided per year. If lost or damaged, students are required to purchase a new pair. | Old shirt for painting; other clothing which may get paint on it or otherwise be damaged, protective clothing for shop classes; approved protective goggles for science classes. |
| Business Classes | Workbooks | \$25 |
| College entrance tests and preparati | | 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. An Online ACT prep course will be provided to juniors free of charge. |
| Copies | Use of school copiers (except for one copy of the student file, which will be provided without charge). | Ten cents (.10) per page when charges apply. |
| End of year lost or damaged books | Damage fee or replacement | Fees and fines up to \$15 for |

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| | cost | damaged books. Lost books or ruined books are charged replacement cost, generally at a maximum of \$70. |
| Family and Consumer Science | Fees for general materials | Foods I-\$30, Foods II-\$40 |
| Industrial Technology | Fees for general materials | Manufacturing Technology - \$120 Year; Production Systems - \$65; Technology Systems - \$15, Intro to STS- \$25, Woods I-\$50, Woods II-\$95 |
| Locker usage | Use of school padlock | \$5.00 fee if damaged or not returned at the end of the year. |
| Marching Band and Musical Groups | Equipment and attire. | Students will be responsible for supplying their own musical instruments and accessories and for their own uniforms. Instrument Rental Fee is \$35 for Tier 1 and \$60 for Tier 2 per year for use of school owned instruments. Uniforms for the marching band will be supplied by the school. For High School Band students, a \$25 uniform cleaning fee is required. For High School Vocal students, a \$15 choir robe cleaning fee is required. |
| Music-Optional band courses | Musical instruments | Musical instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, etc.) Limited instruments available for use by any student. Instrument Rental Fee is \$45 for Tier 1 and \$75 for Tier 2 per year for use of school owned instruments. |
| Music Theory | Fees for general materials | \$25 |
| Photography | Fees for general materials | No more than \$50 per year. |
| Physical Education classes | Appropriate clothing (non specialized attire) | Soft Soled/Tennis shoes and socks, running shorts, T shirt |
| Post-secondary education classes | Tuition and fees for college courses taken for credit. | Postsecondary education costs are a maximum of \$400 per class. |
| Science | Fees for general materials | Environment Sustainability-\$20, Material Science-\$30 |

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| Summer school courses | Classes offered during the summer, or at night, if any | Drivers education class through ESU #3: Up to \$350; other classes \$50 to \$200 per class; none for free reduced lunch students |
| Yearbooks - Optional | School Book | Yearbooks are published and made available for purchase every year. Cost is generally about \$75-\$85. |

| Extracurricular and other programs | General description of fee or material | \$ Amount of fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or specific material required |
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| Admission | Spectator fees for admission to events | \$5.00 per event maximum for students. Students may purchase an Activity Pass for \$40.00 per year. For District and Conference events hosted by the School, costs to be set by NSAA and Activity passes are not able to be used. |
| Athletic Clubs | Letterman's club and other clubs supporting the athletic program | Annual dues not to exceed \$50.00 per club. |
| Athletic Physicals | NSAA required athletic physicals | Cost varies; payable directly to the student's physician or clinic. |
| 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. |
| 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. Uniform items are checked out to students. If lost or | Required items include but are not limited to 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. Other items required may include: uniforms not provided by school, athletic equipment, golf bags/clubs, mouthpiece, knee pads, poms, other items as identified by the |

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| | damaged, students will be assessed fees in the amount of replacement cost. | coach. 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.) |
| Music Optional Show Choir | Coordinating group attire | Students will pay for outfits selected by the group. Cost will be based on selection at a maximum of \$200. |
| Travel meals | Meals | Students are responsible for their own meals while traveling. |

Class Organizations

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| Destination Imagination | State & national dues, meals and activities | Annual dues not to exceed \$30.00 per club. Partial pay for nationals may be required. |
| FBLA/ FCCLA | State & national dues, meals and activities | Annual dues not to exceed \$30.00 per club. Partial pay for nationals may be required. |
| National Honor Society | State & national dues, meals and activities | Currently no dues are required. Annual dues not to exceed \$30.00 per club. |
| SkillsUSA | State & national dues, meals and activities | Annual dues not to exceed \$30.00 per club. Partial pay for nationals may be required. |
| Student Council | State & national dues, meals and activities | Currently no dues are required. Annual dues not to exceed \$30.00 per club. |

Social and Recognition Activities

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| Class dues | | Each of the six secondary classes may assess its members an amount not to exceed \$60.00 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 |
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| | | voluntary, but students who do not pay may be denied admission to extracurricular activities supported by the class dues. |
| Picture Packets | Optional - Pictures are still taken for use in the school yearbook. | Students purchase packets as desired and pay directly to the photo company. |
| School dances | Admission to prom, homecoming, etc. | Up to \$40.00 per event |
| School plays, musicals and social activities | Admission to events | Up to \$5.00 per play or activity |
| Senior recognition assessment | Optional graduation activities | 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. This may include the rental of graduation robes (\$35), caps, tassels, class flowers, one mother's flower, 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. Expenses for above mentioned items will be paid out of the "Class Activity" account until funds are depleted. After this fund is empty, students will be responsible for all optional graduation activity costs. |
| Marching Band and Musical Groups | Equipment and attire. | Students will be responsible for supplying their own musical instruments and accessories and for their own uniforms. Instrument Rental Fee is \$35 for Tier 1 and \$60 for Tier 2 per year for use of school owned instruments. Uniforms for the marching band will be supplied |

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| | | by the school. For High School Band students, a \$25 uniform cleaning fee is required. For High School Vocal students, a \$15 choir robe cleaning fee is required. |
| Music-Optional band courses | Musical instruments | Musical instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, etc.) Limited instruments available for use by any student. Instrument Rental Fee is \$45 for Tier 1 and \$75 for Tier 2 per year for use of school owned instruments. |

7. Post-Secondary Education Costs.

Some students enroll in postsecondary courses while still enrolled in the district’s high school. As a general rule, students must pay all costs associated with such post-secondary courses. However, for a course in which students receive high school credit or a course being taken as part of an approved accelerated or differentiated curriculum program, the district shall offer the course without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees. Students who choose to apply for post-secondary education credit for these courses must pay tuition and all other fees associated with obtaining credits from a post-secondary educational institution. The costs of these items will naturally vary, but the maximum dollar amount of the fee is anticipated to be \$ 400 per course.

8. Copies of Student Files or Records.

The district will charge a fee for making copies of a student’s files or records for the parents or guardians of such student. The Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee shall establish a schedule of student record fees. Parents of students have the right to inspect and review the students’ files or records without the payment of a fee, and the district shall not charge a fee to search for or retrieve any student’s files or records.

The district will charge a fee of \$.10 per page for reproduction of student records.

9. Participation Pre-Kindergarten Services.

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in pre-kindergarten services offered by the district pursuant to statute.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these services shall be \$150.00/month

11. Participation in Summer School.

At the elementary level, the district will not charge fees for participation in summer school. There may be a reasonable fee charged for elementary summer enrichment courses.

12. Charges for Food Consumed by Students.

The district will charge for items that students purchase from the district's breakfast and lunch programs. The fees charged for these items will be set according to applicable federal and state statutes and regulations. The district will charge students for the cost of food, beverages, and the like that students purchase from a school store, vending machine, booster club or from similar sources. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for the breakfast and lunch programs is as follows:

- Breakfast Program – Grades K-6
 - Regular Price \$2.10
 - Reduced Price \$.30
- Breakfast Program – Grades 7-12
 - Regular Price \$2.35
 - Reduced Price \$.30
- Lunch Program – Grades K-6
 - Regular Price \$3.50
 - Reduced Price \$.40
- Lunch Program – Grades 7-12
 - Regular Price \$3.70
 - Reduced Price \$.40

13. Contributions for Junior and Senior Class Extracurricular Activities.

Students are eligible to participate in a number of unique extracurricular activities during their last two years in high school, including prom, various senior recognitions, and graduation. In order to fund these extracurricular activities, the school district will ask each student to make a contribution to their class's fund. This contribution is completely voluntary. Students who chose not to contribute to the class fund are still eligible to participate in the extra activities. The suggested donation to the class fund will be \$60.00.

C. Waiver Policy.

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) materials for course projects, and (3) the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Actual participation in the free or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for the waivers provided in this section. The district is not obligated to provide any particular type or quality of equipment or other material to eligible students. Students who wish to be considered for waiver of a particular fee must submit a completed fee waiver application to their building principal.

D. Distribution of Policy.

This policy will be published in the Student Handbook or its equivalent that will be provided to students at no cost.

E. Voluntary Contributions to Defray Costs.

The district will, when appropriate, request donations of money, materials, equipment or attire from parents, guardians and other members of the community to defray the costs of providing certain services and activities to students. These requests are not requirements and staff members of the district are directed to clearly communicate that fact to students, parents and patrons.

F. Fund-Raising Activities

Students may be permitted or required to engage in fund-raising activities to support various curricular and extracurricular activities in which they participate. Students who decline to participate in fund-raising activities are not eligible under this policy for waiver of the costs or fees which the fund-raising activity was meant to defray.

G. Student Fee Fund.

The school board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund that will not be funded by tax revenue, and that will serve a depository for all monies collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school courses. Monies in the Student Fee Fund shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected from students.

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