

## 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 as a supplemental revenue source contributing to a percentage of the school district's total costs for operating school-sponsored activities.

The Activity Participation Fee Program will require each student 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 and approved by the Board on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the registration or sign-up process for the activity.

The activity fee shall be capped with a maximum total activity fee of \$25 per activity per student regardless of the number of activities the student elects to participate in throughout the school year. This per student annual fee shall be paid when the student registers/signs-up for his/her first activity of the school year. No refunds shall be provided in the event the student does not participate in any activity for any reason during the school year or due to a health condition. Refunds will only be issued if the activity is cancelled and pro-rated refunds will be provided if determined by a physician's certification after the fee was paid.

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.

Each individual activity fee will be determined by considering the school district's costs for operating the activity to include, but shall not be limited to: coach/advisor salaries; equipment costs; facility rental fee costs; official/referee costs; event registration fees; school/facility/field preparation and maintenance costs; insurance costs; and other expenses incurred by the district in the operation of the activity. The activity fee shall be paid prior to the student's participation in the activity.

A refund of the activity fee will only be made in the event the student is not accepted into the activity due to the lack of available space or opportunity within the activity (i.e. the student does not receive a part in a drama program production, the student is cut from an athletic team, it is determined the student 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 student quits during the course of the activity.

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