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The Board of Education acknowledges that the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act authorizes school districts to charge student fees for certain student activities and requires the district to adopt a policy addressing student fees. Further, the board recognizes the fact that there are expenses relating to educational and extracurricular programs and activities that may require financial participation by students and their parents or guardians. In order to provide the district's students and their parents or guardians with guidance regarding the district's position on student fees, the Board of Education enacts the following Student Fee Policy. It is the intent of the board to provide equal access for students to all programs while complying with the laws of Nebraska and the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Department of Education.

**A. DEFINITIONS.**

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. For a course in which students receive high school credit and for which they may also choose to apply for postsecondary education credit, the course shall be offered without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees, except that if the student chooses to apply for postsecondary education credit, he or she may be charged tuition and other fees only associated with obtaining credits from a postsecondary educational institution.

**B. FEES AUTHORIZED.** Except as provided otherwise herein, the district may require and collect fees or other funds from or on behalf of students or require students to provide specialized equipment or specialized attire for any of the following purposes:

1. Participation in extracurricular activities;
2. Admission fees and transportation charges for spectators attending extracurricular activities;
3. Postsecondary education costs;
4. Transportation pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-241, 79-605, and 79-611.
5. Copies of student files or records pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-2,104;
6. Reimbursement to the district for school property lost or damaged by the student;
7. Before-and-after-school or pre-kindergarten services offered pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-104;
8. Summer school or night school;
9. Breakfast and lunch programs;
10. Any other fee authorized by law.

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The Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act does not limit the ability of a governing body to request donations of money, materials, equipment, or attire to defray costs if the request is made in such a way that it is clear that the request is not a requirement. The act does not prohibit a governing body from permitting students to supply materials for course projects.

- C. PERSONAL OR CONSUMABLE ITEMS. The district may require students to furnish minor personal or minor consumable items for participation in extracurricular activities.
- D. NON-SPECIALIZED ATTIRE (CLOTHING). Students may be required to furnish and wear non-specialized attire for specified courses and activities.
- E. COURSE PROJECT MATERIALS. Students may be required to furnish materials for course projects that become the property of the students upon completion.
- F. MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS AND ACTIVITIES. Students may be required to furnish musical instruments for participation in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities except that musical instruments shall be provided without charge for any student who qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs. The district shall not be obligated to provide a particular type of musical instrument for any student.
- G. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/FIELD TRIPS. Students may be required to furnish footwear, field trip fees, and other minor personal and consumable items.
- H. TRANSPORTATION COSTS. Students may be required to pay transportation costs to attend extracurricular activities.
- I. SCHOOL STORE. The district may operate a school store in which students may purchase food, beverages, and personal or consumable items. Said purchases shall not be subject to any fee waiver.
- J. STUDENT RECORD COPY CHARGES. No fee shall be charged to students, their parent(s) and/or their guardian(s) for one copy of a student's files or records.
- K. SUMMER AND NIGHT SCHOOL. Fees may be required for participation in summer or night school.
- L. BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM. The district offers lunches that qualify as approved meals pursuant to the federal government guidelines.

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- M. OTHER ITEMS. Yearbooks, class rings, letter jackets, and similar items are sold as a convenience to students and are not fees and are not covered by this policy. Fines for overdue library books, abuse of school parking privileges, and other school rules, regulations, and policies developed for the safe and efficient operation of the school are not student fees.
- N. PUBLIC HEARING. On or before August 1, 2002, and annually each year thereafter, the school board shall hold a public hearing at a regular or special meeting of the board on a proposed student fee policy, following a review of the amount of money collected from students pursuant to, and the use of waivers provided in, the student fee policy for the prior school year. The student fee policy shall be adopted by a majority vote of the school board and shall be published in the student handbook. The board shall provide a copy of the student handbook to every student, or to every household in which at least one student resides, at no cost to the student or household.
- O. STUDENT FEE FUND. The district hereby establishes a separate student fee fund not funded by tax revenue, into which all money collected from students pursuant to the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act shall be deposited and from which money shall be expended for the purposes for which it was collected from students. Fees collected from another school district's students shall be accounted for in the general fund.
- P. FEE WAIVER. Any fees to be charged or materials to be provided for the following may be waived for students who qualify for free or reduced-prices lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs:
1. Participation in extracurricular activities;
  2. Specialized equipment or specialized attire for participation in extracurricular activities;
  3. "Course Project Materials" as provided in paragraph E;
  4. Musical instruments both for participation in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities and for participation in extracurricular activities.

Other student fees may also be waived at the discretion of the Superintendent or his or her designee for students who qualify for free or reduced-priced lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs.

- Q. PENALTIES. Students who fail to pay overdue student fees may be subject to administrative penalties including but not limited to exclusion from graduation and commencement ceremonies or related activities, exclusion from prom, withholding of the yearbook or annual, etc. Students shall not be denied a diploma, transcript, or credit for course work completed for failure to pay student fees.

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- R. FUND-RAISING. Students may be required to partake in fund-raising activities in order to participate in extracurricular activities. If fund-raising is required for a particular extracurricular activity, any student participating in said activity shall be expected and required to participate in equally and share equally in whatever funds are raised.
- S. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section or part of this policy is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration will not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
- T. STUDENT FEE SCHEDULE. The Board of Education hereby imposes the following fees for the programs designated:

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 Damaged Items  
                              506      Student Activities  
                              507.01 Student Records Access  
                              801      Transportation  
                              802.05 Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility  
                              1005.01 Public Complaints

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Grades 4-6	Planner	\$5.00 replacement fee
Summer School	Classes Offered	\$50.00 per student
		\$15.00 per student per class when supplies fee is applicable
Night School	Classes Offered	\$50.00 per student
		\$15.00 per student per class when supplies fee is applicable
Classroom Supplies	General Supplies; such as writing instruments (pens, pencils, crayons, markers), notebooks, etc.	None - - necessary items supplied 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 teacher.
Technological Equipment	iPads	Not to exceed \$1,000.00 replacement fee Broken Screen - \$100.00 Any other accidental damage 1 <sup>st</sup> Incident - \$75.00 or cost of repair 2 <sup>nd</sup> Incident - ½ of repair costs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Incident - Full cost of replacement or repair Intentional Damage Full Cost of Replacement
	Lap top Repairs	Not to exceed \$1,500.00 replacement fee Accidental Damage 1 <sup>st</sup> Incident - \$75.00 or cost of repair 2 <sup>nd</sup> Incident - ½ of repair costs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Incident - Full cost of replacement or repair Intentional Damage Full Cost of Replacement
Soundsational Singers	Costumes	Maximum fee of \$50.00

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Copies	Use of school copiers (except for one copy of a student's file, which will be provided without charge.)	Black & White Copies	\$0.05
		Black & White Copies (two sided)	\$0.07
		Color Copies	\$0.10
		Color Copies (two sided)	\$0.15
		Above prices are per page when charges apply.	
Field Trips	Transportation and admission costs of field trips	None - - Cost 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 cost up to \$5.00 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. Occasionally school sack lunches will be offered; the cost of these sack lunches will be consistent with typical lunch rates.	
School Meals	School meals and after-school snack program	\$1.50 – Breakfast	\$1.10 – Extra Breakfast Entrée
		\$2.70 – Lunch	\$1.75 – Extra Lunch Entrée
		\$1.90 – Extra Slice of Name Brand Pizza	
		\$1.00 – Side Salad	\$0.75 – Extra Potatoes
		\$0.50 – 4 oz. Juice	\$0.75 – 8 oz. Juice
		\$0.50 – Extra Milk	\$0.90 – Developing Eagle Snack
		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.	

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Developing Eagles	After School Program	Free for children who qualify for free or reduced meals.
		\$5.00 per day per child for those not qualified for free or reduced meals.
		\$12.00 per day for 'out of school days' (i.e.: Christmas Break, Spring Break, etc.)
Developing Eagles	Summer School Program	Free for children who qualify for free or reduced meals.
		\$12.00 per day per child not to exceed \$24.00 per day per family for those not qualified for free or reduced meals.

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<b>Program</b>	<b>General Description of Fee or Material</b>	<b>Amount of Fee</b> (Anticipated of Maximum or Specified Materials Required)
Summer School	Classes Offered	\$100.00 per resident student
		\$150.00 per non-resident student
		\$15.00 per student per class when supplies fee is applicable
Night School	Classes Offered	\$50.00 per student
		\$15.00 per student per class when supplies fee is applicable
Classroom Supplies	General Supplies; such as writing instruments (pens, pencils, crayons, markers), notebooks, etc.	None - - necessary items supplied 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.
Extra-Curricular	Uniform deposit	Not to exceed \$150.00
PE Classes	Appropriate clothing & Physical	Gym shoes, shorts, shirts, socks, etc. Physical – Cost varies; payable directly to student's physician or clinic.
Music Classes	Uniforms and equipment	Not to exceed \$150.00
Yearbook		Not to exceed \$60.00
FCCLA	Membership Dues	Not to exceed \$25.00
FFA	Membership Dues	Not to exceed \$50.00
Class Dues		Not to exceed \$30.00
Art Class	Appropriate clothing, non-specialized	Old shirt for painting, other clothing which may get paint on it or otherwise be damaged.
Industrial and Automotive	Protective eye wear, gloves	Not to exceed \$150.00

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School Meals	School meals and after-school snack program	\$1.50 – Breakfast	\$1.10 – Extra Breakfast Entrée
		\$0.75 – Cereal Bars	\$0.75 – Pop Tarts
		\$0.75 – Fruit Shapes	\$0.50 – Extra Milk
		\$0.50 – 4 oz. Juice	\$0.75 – 8 oz. Juice
		\$1.50 – 10 oz. Juice	\$0.90 - Snacks
		\$2.70 – Lunch	\$1.75 – Extra Lunch Entrée
		\$0.75 – Muffins	\$1.25 – Izze Juices/Envy
		\$1.90 – Extra Slice of Name Brand Pizza	
		\$1.75 – Fruit/Vegetable Bar	
		\$2.25 – Chef's Meal	\$0.75 – Baked Chips
		\$1.00 – Side Salad	\$0.75 – Extra Potatoes
		\$1.00 – Water	\$0.50 – 1 Cookie
		\$0.50 – Sm Frozen Ice Cream	\$0.75 – Med Frozen Ice Cream
		\$1.00 – Premium Ice Cream	
		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.	
Copies	Use of school copiers (except for one copy of a student's file, which will be provided without charge.)	Black & White Copies	\$0.05
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Music (optional classes)	Musical Instruments	Musical instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, etc.) Limited instruments available for use by students.	
		Damage fee for school owned instruments not to exceed \$1,500.00	

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Field Trips	Transportation and admission costs of field trips	None - - Cost 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 cost up to \$5.00 to defray costs. (With administrative approval, the requested donation may be up to \$500.00 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 or reduced lunch eligible students.
Technological Equipment	iPad	Not to exceed \$1,000.00 replacement fee Broken Screen - \$100.00 Any other accidental damage 1 <sup>st</sup> Incident - \$75.00 or cost of repair 2 <sup>nd</sup> Incident – ½ of repair costs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Incident – Full cost of replacement or repair Intentional Damage Full Cost of Replacement
	Electronic Power Cords	\$50.00 replacement fee
	Lap top Repairs	Not to exceed \$1,500.00 replacement fee Accidental Damage 1 <sup>st</sup> Incident – \$75.00 or cost of repair 2 <sup>nd</sup> Incident – ½ of repair costs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Incident – Full cost of replacement or repair Intentional Damage Full Cost of Replacement
Advanced Math or Science Classes	Specialized calculators	Not to exceed \$200.00 replacement fee for lost or damaged calculators.

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Post-Secondary Classes	Tuition and fees for college courses.	None - - Any post-secondary education costs are to be paid directly by the student to the college.
College Entrance Tests	Prep programs and tests	<p>Costs of college entrance tests or prep courses, such as ACT preparation, PSAT test, and ACT test, are optional and to be paid directly to the private companies involved.</p> <hr/> <p>School Sponsored ACT prep not to exceed \$250.00</p>
Admission	Spectator fees for admission to events	<p>\$6.00 per event maximum</p> <hr/> <p>For District and Conference events hosted by the school, cost to be set by the NSAA, not to exceed \$20.00 per event.</p>
Athletic Physicals	NSAA required athletic physicals	Cost varies; payable directly to student's physician or clinic.
Athletic participation fees	Fee to participate in athletic programs	In the event a fee is charged, the fee will be \$50.00 per year maximum.

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