

Board of Education Student Fees Hearing
Monday, July 24, 2017 6:45 PM

Virginia Moon Administrative Center
8545 Park Drive
Ralston, NE 68127-3621

Agenda

1. Call To Order
2. Student Fees Hearing
Speaker(s): Dr. Mark Adler/Mr. Jason Buckingham
3. Adjourn

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 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 may not 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, some designated materials and supplies, and 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 does not provide students with the materials necessary to complete all curricular projects. In courses where students produce a project that requires more than minimal cost for materials, the finished product will remain the property of the district unless the students either furnish or pay for the reasonable cost of materials required for the course project. Attached to this policy is a written list of fees by building.

5. 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 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. Attached to this policy is a written list of additional fees that may be charged for each activity.

6. Post-Secondary Education Costs.

Some students may 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 chose 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.

7. Transportation Costs.

The district may charge students reasonable fees for transportation services provided by the district to the extent permitted by federal and state statutes and regulations.

The maximum dollar amount of the transportation fee charged by this district shall be at the State approved reimbursement rate per mile traveled outside of the district's boundaries.

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 \$0.05 per page for reproduction of student records.

9. Participation in Before-and-After-School or Pre-Kindergarten Services.

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

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these services shall be \$70 per week.

10. Participation in Summer School or Night School.

The district will charge reasonable fees for participation in summer school or night school and may charge reasonable fees for correspondence courses.

The maximum dollar amount charged by the district shall be \$225 for summer school per class and \$300 for night school per class.

11. 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 fee schedule for school provided breakfast and lunch is listed in the attachment at the end of this policy.

12. Charges for Musical Extracurricular Activities.

Students who qualify for fee waivers under this policy will be provided, at no charge, the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not

extracurricular activities. For musical extracurricular activities, the school district will require students to provide the following equipment and/or attire:

- Band Students must provide their own instruments and marching band shoes, which must be black, rubber-soled sneakers

- Swing Choir Students must purchase outfits and shoes selected by the sponsor and/or student group. The maximum dollar amount charged by the district for these materials will be \$350.

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 as a depository for all monies collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school courses. Monies in the Student Fee Fund shall be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected from students.

CERTIFICATION

On the 24th day of July, 2017, the Board of Education of the Ralston Public Schools held a public hearing on a proposed student fee policy. This student fee policy was then adopted by a majority vote of the school board at an open public meeting conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Adopted on: _____
Revised on: _____
Reviewed on: _____

Ralston Middle School Fee List

Fees Assessed:

Extracurricular Activity Fee: \$20.00

Lunch Prices: \$2.80, Reduced Lunch: \$0.40

Breakfast Prices: \$1.95 Reduced: \$0.30

Milk 8 oz: \$0.50 Orange/Apple Juice 4 oz: \$0.50

Lost/Damaged assignment notebook: \$4.00

Lost/Damaged library and/or classroom textbook: replacement cost

Lost/Damaged clothing/equipment: replacement cost

Required clothing for PE and extracurricular activities

Select vocal music group attire: **Maximum \$185.**

Boys- Black pants, shirt, tie and black shoes.

Girls- Vests and shoes.

Gym Shorts and cotton T-shirt (Ralston Middle School offers RMS shorts (\$10) and RMS shirts (\$10) which are available in the office but not required.)

Towel

Rubber soled athletic shoes

Undergarments and socks appropriate for the activity.

Optional Fees- not required

Ralston High School Activity Ticket-\$40.00

Extracurricular activities travel fee – Not to exceed \$500 per event

Extracurricular activities admission – Maximum \$5.00 per event

Physicals for 8th Grade Sports-\$50.00

Ralston Middle School Yearbook-\$20.00

8th Grade Class Picture-\$20.00

Student Picture Packages-\$15-\$25

Printed Clothing

Paperback books for personal ownership

Donations / Fundraising

Family Consumer Science for food and take home materials used in class-\$15.00.

Industrial Technology for take home materials used in class-\$15.00.

Art Supplies-\$15.

As approved by Superintendent or designee.

Ralston High School Fee List

Fees Assessed:

Extracurricular Activity Fee: \$40.00 includes activity ticket

Transcripts: \$.05 per page of request

Summer School: \$175 resident, \$225 non-resident. Night School: \$300 maximum per class.

Breakfast Prices: \$2.50 Reduced: \$0.30

Lunch Prices: Main \$2.80, Reduced Lunch: \$0.40

Milk 8 oz: \$0.50 Orange/Apple Juice 4 oz: \$0.50

Replacement School ID : \$5.00

Temporary School ID: \$1.00 per occurrence

Lost/Damaged library and/or classroom textbook: replacement cost

Lost/Damaged clothing/equipment: replacement cost

Required clothing for classes and extracurricular activities

Gym Shorts and Cotton T-shirt

Undergarments

Swimsuit (PE and swimming)

Towel (PE and swimming)

Rubber soled athletic shoes

Socks

FCS (Year 2 & 3): white shirt, black pants, black shoes, and socks

Medical Technology 1 & 2: Lab Coat and Scrubs

Specialized Equipment or Clothing Specific to Extracurricular Activity Participation

Shoes appropriate for the activity.

Undergarments appropriate for the activity.

Gym Shorts and Cotton T-shirt

Athletic socks

Golf clubs, practice golf balls, tees.

Baseball glove / softball glove, bat(s)

Tennis racket

Soccer shin guards

Choir: Up to \$350 for competition shirt, pants, ties, dress, shoes and stockings.

Optional Fees -Not Required

Ralston High School Activity Ticket-\$40.00

Physicals for Sports-\$50.00

Ralston High School Yearbook-\$75.00

Parking-\$5.00

Graduation attire-\$50.00

Student Picture Packages-\$15-\$25

Books and materials for personal ownership

Printed clothing

Extracurricular activities admission – Maximum \$25.00 per event

Extracurricular activities travel fee – **Not to exceed \$4800 per event**

Certification (Optional to student)

Red Cross Lifeguard certification: \$75.00

Donations / Fundraising

Cheer and Pom Uniforms: \$1200

As approved by Superintendent or designee.

Elementary Fee List

Fees Assessed:

Lost/Damaged library and/or classroom textbook: replacement cost

Lost/Damaged clothing/equipment: replacement cost

Lunch Prices: \$2.45, Reduced Lunch: \$0.40

Breakfast Prices: \$1.55, Reduced: \$0.30

Milk 8 oz: \$0.50 Orange/Apple Juice 4 oz: \$0.50

Recommended Items Not Required:

Backpack

Water bottle

Towel / Mat for rest time (Pre-school ~~and Kindergarten~~)

Paint shirt

Required clothing:

Select vocal music group attire: \$25.00

Rubber soled athletic shoes for PE

Optional Items Available for purchase:

Ralston High School Activity Ticket-\$40.00

Yearbook-\$10.00 - \$20.00

Student Picture Packages-\$6.50-\$25

Printed clothing

Paperback books for personal ownership

Donations and Fundraising:

As approved by Superintendent or designee

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