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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 pupil 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 of Schools and approved by the Board on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the registration or sign-up process for the activity.

The Board of Education will annually establish the rate to be paid for the Activity Participation Program. It is understood if a student activity program is fully funded by parent contribution then that activity will be exempt from the Activity Participation Program fee.

The activity fee shall be capped with a maximum total activity fee per pupil regardless of the number of activities the pupil elects to participate in throughout the school year. This per pupil annual fee shall be paid when the pupil registers/signs-up for his/her first activity of the school year. No refunds shall be provided in the event the pupil does not participate in any activity for any reason during the school year.

A refund of the activity fee will be provided in the event the district does not offer the activity subsequent to the registration/sign-up process if that is the student's only activity. A refund will not be provided in the event the pupil quits during the course of the activity. The Superintendent of Schools shall be authorized to approve an activity fee refund to a pupil for a reason(s) not listed above in extenuating circumstances.

The activity fee may be waived or reduced based on a set of criteria established and approved annually by the Board of Education.

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