

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 the school district's general operating budget.

The Activity Participation Fee Program will require each pupil participating in one or more school-sponsored athletic or co-curricular activities to pay a single annual participation fee. The specific activity participation fee amounts will be recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and approved by the Board at the annual reorganization meeting.

The activity fee will be waived or reduced based on financial hardship using the New Jersey eligibility standards established for free and reduced price meals.

A refund of the activity fee will only be made in the event the pupil is not accepted into the activity due to the lack of available space or opportunity within the activity (i.e. the pupil does not receive a part in a drama program production, the pupil is cut from an athletic team, it is determined the pupil 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 pupil quits during the course of the activity. For students who register/sign up for multiple athletic and/or co-curricular activities in a school year, refunds will only be given when those students participate in none of those activities for the reasons outlined above. The Superintendent of Schools or designee shall be authorized to approve an activity fee refund to a pupil for a reason(s) not listed above in extenuating circumstances.

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