

Zionsville Community Schools

Board of School Trustees Meeting “Item for Consideration”

New Business • Date: September 14, 2026

Curricular Materials Fees for SUPPLEMENTAL Items

Category:

☐ Human Resources, Personnel/Staffing	☒ Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment	
☒ Finance, Budgeting, Accounting	☐ Student Services	☐ Board Policy
☐ Facilities, Transportation, Nutrition	☐ Community Relations	☐ Other

Type of Board of Trustees Consideration Sought:

Action	☒
Discussion	☐
Report	☐

Facts of this Matter:

In the spring of 2023, HEA 1001 legislation was enacted that changed how Curricular Materials were funded. Starting with the 2023-2024 school year, schools could no longer impose a fee for curricular materials. However, at that time, definitions were unclear as to what was included in “curricular materials” versus what was intended to be included in “curricular materials”. Legal interpretation provided at that time included ALL curricular materials. That guidance remained until the next legislative budget session in the spring of 2025. At that time, the clarity was included in legislation that allowed for fees to be calculated and imposed for items supplemental to instruction. Under the new guidance, textbooks and computer devices needed for instruction remain as items that are not allowed to be charged to families. However, items supplemental to instruction such as workbooks and other consumable items may be charged to families. Following this adjusted guidance, ZCS returned to passing along fees for allowable supplemental items during the 2025-2026 school year. It is now time for us to seek authorization for Middle and High School fees for the 2026-2027 school year based on costs incurred by ZCS to provide these items. Elementary fees were approved at the August board meeting. Our staggered approval structure allows us time to ensure all the items for classes are ordered and received and updated pricing is considered in this fee request.

The Board of School Trustees is hereby asked to approve the attached schedules of charges for curricular materials supplemental to instruction. Detailed lists of items included in these charges are maintained by the Business Services Department.

Charges for students in grades 5-12 are determined according to each student’s course of study.

*Please note that ZCS is in the final stages of an MOU with the Boone EDC that will cover the cost of Pathways which is the platform used to track diploma requirements for students in grades 9-12. As a result, the \$4 student fee associated with this program has not been included in the fee

schedule. In anticipation of finalizing the MOU, I wanted to note this funding arrangement and the reason the \$4 fee is not included.

Objective POSITIVES related to this item or approach:

The consumable fees shown are calculated to equal our costs for these items. Passing these fees along to families will aid in our ability to continue being able to finance the cost of instruction as the state provides no additional funding or reimbursement for these items

Objective NEGATIVES related to this item or approach:

Consumable fees, while evaluated for their benefit to instruction, can become significant, especially in the secondary classes. As always, families needing assistance can reach out to the district for resources available. Families that are part of the meal assistance program (frequently referred to as Free or Reduced Lunch) will have their fees waived, with only the remaining responsibility being for lost or damaged items.

Opinion/Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of School Trustees approve the attached schedules of charges for supplemental curricular materials fees for the 2026-2027 school year.

Financial Implications, if any:

As noted above, the recommended fees are designed to recoup costs for those consumable items that are supplemental to instruction and used up or consumed in a single school year by an individual student.

Suggested Wording for a Motion, if any:

"I move that the Board of School Trustees approve the schedules of supplemental curricular material fees for the 2026-2027 school year as presented."

Middle School Supplemental Fees (Grades 5-8)

Course #	Title	Fee
ART		
GNART5	Art 5	\$10.86
GNART6	Art 6	\$10.86
GENART7	Art 7 - Sem	\$16.42
ART007	Art 7 - Yr Long	\$27.30
GENART8	Art 8- semester	\$16.42
ART008	Art 8- yearlong	\$27.30

WORLD LANGUAGE		
CHINP1	Chinese I Level 1 Part 1	\$43.60
CHINP2	Chinese I Level 1 Part 2	\$1.82
FREN P1	French Level 1, Part 1	\$1.82
FREN P2	French Level 1, Part 2	\$1.82
SPANP1	Spanish Level I, Part 1	\$11.19
SPANP2	Spanish Level I, Part 2	\$10.22

LANGUAGE ARTS		
HUM005	Humanities 5	\$48.50
HUM5HA	Humanities 5 HA	\$48.50
HUM006	Humanities 6	\$45.22
HUM6HA	Humanities 6 HA	\$45.22
LART07	Lang Arts 7	\$40.99
LA07HA	Lang Arts 7 HA	\$40.99
LART08	Lang Arts 8	\$40.99
LA08HA	Lang Arts 8 HA	\$40.99

MATH		
MATH05	Math 5	\$13.20
MAT5HA	Math 5 HA	\$0.00
MATH5T	Math 5 Transition	\$0.00
MATH06	Math 6	\$0.00
MAT6HA	Math 6 HA	\$0.00
MATH6T	Math 6 Transition	\$0.00
MATH07	Math 7	\$0.00
MAT7HA	Pre-algebra 7 HA	\$0.00
MATH7T	Pre-algebra 7 HA	\$0.78

MATH08	Pre-algebra 8	\$0.78
ALGE08	Algebra 8	\$0.78
4033	Geometry Honors (F)	\$0.00
4034	Geometry Honors (S)	\$0.00
ALG8HA	Algebra 8 Honors	\$0.00

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY		
PLTW5	Project Lead the Way	\$8.94
PLTW6	Project Lead the Way	\$0.94
PLTW7	Project Lead the Way	\$9.03
PLTW8	Project Lead the Way	\$0.94

PERFORMING ARTS		
BAND05	Band 5	\$0.00
BAND06	Band 6	\$0.00
BAND07	Band 7	\$0.00
BAND08	Band 8	\$0.00
CHOR05	Chorus 5	\$0.00
CHOR06	Chorus 6	\$0.00
CHOI07	Choir 7	\$0.00
CHOI08	Choir 8	\$0.00
ORCH05	Orchestra 5	\$0.00
ORCH06	Orchestra 6	\$0.00
ORCH07	Orchestra 7	\$0.00
ORCH08	Orchestra 8	\$0.00

PE/HEALTH		
PEHE05	PE-Health 5	\$0.00
PEHE06	PE-Health 6	\$0.00
PEHE07	PE-Health 7	\$0.00
PHYSED1	Physical Education 1	\$0.00

SCIENCE		
SCIE05	Science 5	\$4.26
SCI5HA	Science 5HA	\$4.26
SCIE06	Science 6	\$4.26
SCI6HA	Science 6 HA	\$4.26
SCIE07	Science 7	\$4.26
SCI7HA	Science 7 HA	\$4.26

SCIE08	Science 8	\$4.26
SCI8HA	Science 8 HA	\$4.26

SOCIAL STUDIES		
SOCST7	Social Studies 7	\$20.63
SSO7HA	Social St 7HA	\$20.63
SOCST8	Social Studies 8	\$11.14
SSO8HA	Social St 8HA	\$11.14

High School Supplemental Fees (Grades 9-12)

Course #	Title	Fee	
Language Arts			
3005	Creative Writing	\$40.93	*
3008	Debate	\$30.44	*
3011/3012	English 9	\$48.49	
3011OL/3012OL	Online English 9	\$30.44	
3031/3032	English 9 Advanced	\$46.16	
3015/3016	English 10	\$72.94	
3015OL/3016OL	Online English 10	\$30.44	
3033/3034	English 10 Advanced	\$62.88	
3021/3022	English 11	\$55.49	
3021OL/3022OL	Online English 11	\$30.44	
3025/3026	English 12	\$60.23	
3025OL/3026OL	Online English 12	\$30.44	
3037/3038	AP Language and Composition	\$30.44	
3039/3040	AP Literature & Composition	\$77.01	
3093	Film Literature	\$30.44	*
3045	Journalism	\$35.34	*
3061	Speech	\$30.44	*
3124-3135	Student Media	\$45.34	*
1085/1086	CTE Principles Teaching DC	\$66.14	
3001	Advanced English W131 DC	\$110.44	
3098	Advanced English W131	\$110.44	
3120/3121	AP Seminar: English	\$42.07	
	*Price will be adjusted if multiple LA classes taken		

Social Studies		
3501	Current Prob, Issues & Events	\$15.84
3506	AP Macroeconomics	\$20.00
3507	AP Microeconomics	\$20.00

MATH		
4011/4012	Algebra II	\$0.48
4013/4014	Honors Algebra II	\$0.27
4019/4020	Calculus AP/BC	\$0.76
4027/4028	Geometry	\$1.81
4033/4034	Geometry Honors	\$3.88
4041/4042	AP Statistics	\$0.63
4122/4123	AP pre-Calc	\$0.42

SCIENCE		
4501/4502	Biology	\$4.33
4503/4504	Anatomy	\$17.76
4562/4563	AP Biology	\$30.91
4564/4565	AP Chemistry	\$2.10
4513/4514	Chemistry	\$2.10
4517/4518	Earth & Space	\$0.88
4521/4522	ICP	\$2.70
4523/4524	Physics	\$6.34
4525/4526	Physics II	\$6.34
4527/4528	AP Physics	\$6.34
4529/4530	AP Environmental	\$21.53
4531/4532	Forensics	\$10.92
4533/4534	Genetics	\$83.96

Engineering- PLTW		
4817/4818	Intro Engineering Design	\$27.26
4819/4820	Intro Engineering Design DC	\$27.26
4821/4822	Principles of Engineering	\$25.42
4823/4824	Principles of Engineering DC	\$25.42
4825/4826	Civil Engineering & Architecture	\$29.20
4827/4829	Civil Engineering & Architecture DC	\$29.20

WORLD LANGUAGE		
5001/5002	French	\$4.31
5003/5004	French II	\$4.31
5005/5006	French III	\$4.31

5007/5008	French IV Hon	\$4.31
5009/5010	French V Hon	\$4.31
5011/5012	French VI AP	\$4.31
5037/5038	Chinese I	\$10.14
5039/5040	Chinese II	\$10.14
5041/5042	Spanish I	\$17.03
5043/5044	Spanish II	\$4.31
5045/5046	Spanish III	\$4.31
5047/5048	Spanish IV Hon	\$6.75
5049/5050	Spanish V AP	\$4.31
5051/5052	Spanish VI AP	\$4.31
5055/5056	Chinese III	\$10.14
5057/5058	Chinese IV Hon	\$10.14
5059/5060	Chinese V AP	\$10.14
5075/5076	Chinese VI AP	\$10.14

PE/HEALTH		
5505	Elec-Adv Phys	\$15.00
5535	Elec-Adv Phys	\$16.00

Visual Fine Arts		
6003/6004	AP Art History	\$27.76
6005	Ceramics	\$48.52
6008	Ceramics II	\$20.58
6013	Drawing	\$37.37
6016	Drawing II	\$43.28
6018	Fiber Arts	\$39.51
6102	Intro 2D and 3D Art	\$16.95
6102a	Applied Intro 2D and 3D Art	\$22.61
6023	Photography I	\$46.05
6024	Photography II	\$14.34
6025	Photography III	\$94.48
6026	Photography IV	\$5.68
6029	Painting	\$73.11
6032	Painting II	\$96.44
6033	Sculpture	\$70.07
6035	Ceramics III	\$47.86
6047 Fall	AP 3D Art and Design	\$76.24
6046 Spring	AP 3D Art and Design	\$93.70
6055	AP 2D Art and Design	\$64.08
6056	AP 2D Art and Design	\$74.96

6049	Digital Design I	\$29.45
6100	Jewelry	\$50.60
6051 Spring	Digital Design II	\$38.09

PERFORMING ARTS		
6503/6504	Adv ChorRoyal H	\$40.66
6511/6512	Adv Chor Choral	\$39.96
6513/6514	Choral Chamber	\$51.12
6521/6522	Bella Voce	\$58.02
6523/6524	Sound Check	\$58.02
6525/6526	Beginning Chorus	\$58.02
6531/6532	Adv Con Band Symphonic	\$9.99
6535/6536	Int Con Band Fr	\$32.97
6537/6538	Jazz Ensemble	\$12.95
6543/6544	Advance Chamber Orchestra	\$28.42
6551/6552	Concert Orchestra	\$26.94
6557/6558	Sinfonia Orchestra	\$26.94
6559/6560	Philharmonic Orchestra	\$26.94
6579 Fall	Tech Theatre	\$30.31
6583/6584	AP Music Theory	\$132.24
6595/6596	Adv Con Band Wind	\$9.99
6597/6598	Adv Con Band Percussion	\$9.99
6609/6610	Modern Band	\$22.89
6611 Fall	Songwriting I	\$69.02