

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WAIVER/ STUDENT FEES, FINES AND CHARGES

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BOARD POLICY

1. Fees

1.1. The Board recognizes the need for student fees to fund certain school activities which are not financed by local, state or federal funds.

1.2. The Board further recognizes that some students may not be able to pay these fees. No pupil will be denied an education because of the inability to pay these supplementary charges.

1.3. Any family who qualifies for the National School Lunch Program is eligible for a financial hardship waiver, as specified in this policy and procedure.

2. Fines and Charges

The administration is authorized to establish the imposition of reasonable fines and charges addressing damage to school property, violations of certain school policies, etc., subject to review and approval by the Board.

3. The Board authorizes the superintendent to establish administrative procedures consistent with this policy.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

1. Fees may only be charged to students with the approval of the principal. A receipt will be issued to students for all fees collected.

2. Should an eligible family seek a fee waiver, the amount of the waiver (full or reduced), it will be equal to the percentage for which the family is eligible under the National School Lunch Program.

3. Certain courses carry special requirements for which charges are made fees are assessed. These fees are used to cover partial cost of materials and supplies used in the course. Full collection of all fees at the opening of school is preferable.

4. Supplemental instructional materials, supplies, activities and transportation for valid educational objectives are covered under this hardship waiver policy.

5. Extra curricular activities are not eligible for fee waivers. Extra curricular activities include, but are not limited to, those activities covered under the Mississippi High School Activities Association.

6. The requirement for payment of the student laptop fee is not subject to a fee waiver under this policy.

7. Students may be assessed fines in the actual amount of the replacement cost for lost, damaged or defaced property of the District.

8. Students participating in activities which are not required by the teacher or used in the determination of a grade may be required to pay charges covering the actual cost of the activity. Such charges may include, but **are** not limited to, admission fees, food costs and transportation costs on field trips.

8. Scholarships shall be available for students who need support in meeting costs related to participating in a class field trip or excursion.

~~However, it is incumbent upon the teacher and the principal to make every effort to be sure no student is denied the right to participate in trips or other enrichment activities because of the lack of funds.~~

9. Application for a financial hardship waiver must be made within one week of school enrollment.

EXHIBITS

JQ 1.0311 Student Fees, Fines and Charges: THS

REFERENCES

Board Policy IJOA Field Trip and Excursions

FORMS

JQ Form 1.0710 Financial Hardship Waiver Application

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