



Board of Education

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Karen Apostoli, Executive Director of Business & Operations
DATE: January 22, 2026
RE: School Year 2026-27 Student Fees

This memo is:

Information only.
 Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board consent.
 Information with a recommendation, and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed: 02/05/2026

Previous memos on this topic can be found:

in previous Board packet(s) dated. 01/09/25
 or attached to this memo

Basic information:

The administration is asking the Board to approve student fees for the 2026-27 school year.

Background or historical information:

More than 50% of D33 students are considered Low-Income (per the Department of Human Services and ISBE) and are eligible for a waiver of required student fees. In addition, the Administration is aware of many families that are eligible for the waiver of fees but choose not to apply for various reasons. There are also a number of families that are just above the Low-Income threshold and are not eligible for a waiver of fees. Families that are eligible receive a 50% waiver on optional student fees for extracurricular activities on a case-by-case basis.

The proposed [student fees for the 2026-27](#) school year reflect both the impact of the current economy on families and the increasing cost of maintaining current technology learning tools such as iPads, Chromebooks, STEM Lab tools, and ClearTouch Boards. In recent years, various ESSER Grants have been essential to obtaining student devices and classroom learning tools. Those grants have now ended.

Over the course of a student's learning experience in District 33, the student will use the following technology tools:

- 1 - iPad (kindergarten & 1st grade)
- 2 - Chromebook (2nd - 5th) & (6th - 8th)
- Various STEM Lab tools such as Ozobots, Beebots, etc.

Previous decisions, actions, or parameters related to this topic or issue:

Due to the economic impact of the pandemic and continuing high inflation, the Board has waived all student fees beginning with the 2020-21 school year through the 2023-24 school year. The attached [student fees](#) were in place for the 2025-26 school year.

Recommendations:

The administration is recommending that the Board approve the attached student fees for the 2026-27 school year.

Other questions? What else does the Board wish to know?: