



**Prospect Heights School District 23
Board of Education
Information Item**

Date: January 9, 2025
Subject: Recommendation for Student Fees for the 2025-26 School Year
Contact: Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

BACKGROUND:

On an annual basis, the Administration reviews the current fee structure and its alignment with District expenditures. For the coming 2025-26 school year, Administration recommends that all student fees remain the same, with no additional increase.

PROPOSED 2025-26 STUDENT FEES:

Proposed Student Registration Fees

GRADE(S)	REGISTRATION FEE + MANDATORY TECHNOLOGY FEE	PROPOSED REGISTRATION FEE
Kindergarten	\$75 + \$35	\$110
Grades 1 - 3	\$150 + \$35	\$185
Grades 4 - 5	\$195 + \$35	\$230
Grades 6 - 8	\$250 + \$35	\$285

Student 1:1 Device Technology Fees

The 1:1 Device Protection Plan Fee proposed for the 2025-26 school year will remain \$35 per student. As all students are now fully 1:1, the fee will be assessed to students that are issued devices and will allow for a level of coverage in the event of any unintentional damage. Administration recommends including the \$35 fee in the total cost of registration.

Student Lunch Fees

An increase in the current breakfast and lunch fees may be requested following the award of the food service bid this spring. The goal of the new contract with the awarded vendor is to increase student participation through increased offerings and an enhanced marketing approach to families. Following a review of costs for services and supplies, and the Federal Government's Paid Lunch Equity Determination, Administration will bring forth a formal recommendation for student lunch fees.

Fee Payment Incentive

Fee collection shall be July 1st - July 31st with no increase. Beginning August 15th, the District will charge a 20% fee for late payment. For families who register new to the District beyond the July 31st window, no late charge will be applied if fees are paid within 30 days of registration.

As has been the case, the Business Office will continue to offer a payment plan for all families. They will also maintain the available fee waiver process and continue to create an automatic waiver of school fees for those students who have been directly certified through the State or have qualified for a fee waiver based on the waiver application process.

CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends the approval of the fees proposed above for approval for the 2025-26 school year.