

Operational Services

Administrative Procedure - Fines, Fees, and Charges - Waiver of Student Fees

Actor	Action
Superintendent or designee	<p>Prepares and recommends to the School Board a list of school fees to be charged to students for the use of textbooks, consumable materials, field trips, extracurricular activities, graduation fees, and similar items. See 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(a) for a definition of <i>school fees</i>.</p> <p>Initial notice: For all students enrolling in the District for the first time, notifies their parents/guardians that the District will waive school fees for persons unable to afford them in accordance with policy 4:140, <i>Waiver of Student Fees</i>.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The initial notice must at least describe: (1) the Board’s policy, including the criteria and other circumstances under which the District will waive school fees; (2) the school fees subject to a waiver; (3) the procedure to apply for a fee waiver, including the availability of a fee waiver request form and the documents required by the District in verifying income; and (4) the dispute resolution procedure. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(c)(2)(A).</p> <p>Annual notice: Includes a notice with the first statement sent to parents/guardians who owe school fees that the District will waive school fees for persons unable to afford them in accordance with policy 4:140, <i>Waiver of Student Fees</i>.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The annual notice must include a description of the fee waiver application process or the name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information concerning a fee waiver. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(c)(2)(B).</p> <p>Determines whether the required inclusions in these notices will be satisfied by providing parents/guardians with a written copy of Board policy 4:140, <i>Waiver of Student Fees</i>, and form 4:140-E1, <i>Application for Fee Waiver</i>.</p>
Parents/Guardians seeking a school fee waiver	<p>Complete 4:140-E1, <i>Application for Fee Waiver</i>, and return it to the Building Principal along with documents that will verify the family’s income, such as, payroll stubs, tax returns, or evidence of receipt of food stamps or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(d).</p> <p>May apply for a waiver of school fees by completing 4:140-E1, <i>Application for Fee Waiver</i>, at any time.</p>
Building Principal or designee	<p>Determines the student’s eligibility for fee waiver based on policy 4:140, <i>Waiver of Student Fees</i>.</p> <p>Notifies parents/guardians within 30 calendar days if their <i>Application for Fee Waiver</i> is denied. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(c)(3).</p>

	<p>A rejection notice must include: (1) the reason for the denial; (2) a notification of their right to appeal as well as the appeal process and timelines (4:140-E2, <i>Response to Application for Fee Waiver, Appeal, and Response to Appeal</i>); and (3) a statement that they may reapply at any time if circumstances change. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(c)(3)(A).</p> <p>Ensures that any completed 4:140-E1, <i>Application for Fee Waiver</i>, and 4:140-E2, <i>Response to Application for Fee Waiver, Appeal, and Response to Appeal</i>, are confidentially treated and maintained. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(f).</p>
<p>Parents/Guardians seeking a school fee waiver</p>	<p>May appeal the denial of a fee waiver request.</p> <p>If requested, meets with the person who will decide the appeal in order to explain why the fee waiver should be granted. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(c)(3)(B).</p>
<p>Superintendent or designee</p>	<p>If the parents/guardians request to meet with the person who will decide the appeal to explain why the fee waiver should be granted, contacts the parents/guardians and schedules the meeting. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(c)(3)(B).</p> <p>Ensures that the person who decides the appeal is not the person who initially denied the fee waiver or a subordinate of this person. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(c)(3)(B).</p> <p>Responds in writing to parents/guardians' appeal within 30 calendar days of receipt of the appeal. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(c)(3)(B).</p> <p>Ensures that no discrimination or punishment of any kind, including the lowering of grades or exclusion from classes, is exercised against a student whose parents/guardians are unable to purchase required textbooks or instructional materials or to pay required fees. 105 ILCS 5/28-19.2(a); 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245(g).</p>

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