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## **POLICY 510.3      ACTIVITIES AND OTHER STUDENT FEES**

### **I.      PURPOSE**

To provide direction on how the School Board will govern the District's student activity fee program.

### **II.     GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The Bloomington School Board supports the enrichment of the academic experience for students. Activities are an effective way to promote the characteristics necessary for young people to grow into healthy, caring, and responsible adults. These activities also can provide a sense of connection and belonging for students.

Charging fees for participation in some activities is necessitated by the need for additional funds to operate programs. Fees shall not be so large as to exceed the cost of the activity. Donations from community, parent, or student groups will be accepted. Individual activity and instrument user fees will be approved annually under separate resolution.

### **III.    STUDENT PARKING**

The District provides transportation for students living 1.25 or more miles from a secondary school. Due to limited parking space at the two high schools, eligible students are encouraged to ride district buses to and from school.

Areas for student parking are designated at each high school. Students using the designated parking areas shall be assessed a parking fee.

### **IV.    RESPONSIBILITIES OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

Fees will be reevaluated annually by the administration at each school, and any changes in fees will be recommended to the School Board.

Principals shall have the authority to collect fees from students and to waive fees of those students who would endure a hardship or be unable to pay the fee.

Activity and instrument user fees will be approved annually under separate resolution.

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Fees are charged for participation in activities, as well as parking fees and instrument rental.

#### **I.      Fee Collection:**

- A.      The School Board will establish annually the maximum amount a student shall be required to pay to participate in activities. Additionally, the School Board will establish the maximum amount a family with more than one child in the school shall be required to pay for their children to participate in activities.
- B.      Payment of the fees is required before eligibility is complete and equipment can be issued. A refund will be made to any participant who is cut or who voluntarily drops from the team or activity prior to the first contest or meeting and who has returned all school equipment or materials. Principals shall have the authority to waive the participation fees for those students who would endure a hardship or be unable to pay the fee.
- C.      A master list of activities for which fees are being charged will be kept on file in the Activities Director's office at each school.
- D.      Fees must be approved in advance by the School Board. Fees will be approved under separate resolution.

#### **II.     Equipment or Uniform Requirements:**

- A.      The School Board requires that for the health and safety of the student participants all team or activity uniforms must be of the same color and design in those activities where the principal has determined that a team uniform is necessary.

- B. Equipment standards are set annually by the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS). District programs shall conform to any such standards that apply.
- C. Any student may provide his or her own equipment and uniforms if it meets the reasonable requirements and standards relating to health and safety established by the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS). The Director of Activities, in conjunction with the head coach will determine whether the student's athletic equipment meets the National Federation of High Schools' standards.

III. Music Instrument Rentals:

Students will be charged rental fees for the use of musical instruments owned or rented by the District. Terms and conditions of instrument rental are as follows:

- A. All fees for instrument rental shall be collected in the school's administrative office with a proper receipt given to each student and the monies deposited into the District account.
- B. Monies collected will be returned to the collecting secondary schools to be used specifically for the repair and maintenance and replacement of instruments.
- C. School-owned instruments will be rented only to students in the school instrumental music program and with the consent of their instructor.

IV. Parking Fees:

- A. The administration at each high school shall coordinate the designation of student areas with the District's building and grounds operations.
- B. The administration at each high school shall establish a written priority guideline covering the issuance of motor vehicle permits.
- C. The administration at each high school shall establish and enforce written rules for their respective parking lots that include the following:
  - 1. Parking fees
  - 2. Penalties for violation of Operating Rules
    - a. The parking of a motor vehicle upon District property is prohibited except where signs are posted creating space for the parking of motor vehicles with current permits. No person shall park a motor vehicle in said permit parking space unless the motor vehicle visibly bears or contains the permit.
    - b. Vehicles in violation may be fined and removed for failure to obey the above, paragraph 1.

- c. For any violation of the above provisions, proof of identify of the registered owner of the particular motor vehicle described in the citation of complaint at the time of the violation shall constitute a prima facie presumption that the individual was the person who parked such motor vehicle at the point where the violation occurred.

3. Operating Rules for enforcement

V. Gate Fees:

Administration shall recommend gate fees for students and community members to attend annual activities sponsored by the school or District.