

SOUDERTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES

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123.1. STUDENT ACTIVITY FEES	
1. Purpose	The intent of the Board is to offer diverse and appropriate co-curricular programs. Research has demonstrated that student achievement is enhanced by involvement in these programs.
2. Authority	It is also the responsibility of the Board to ensure that the cost of such programs are reasonable and are controlled. With the goal of developing ever-increasing ownership for these programs by those who benefit most directly, reasonable student activity fees will be established and collected. These fees are to be paid by students as a prerequisite for involvement in co-curricular activities in grades 6-12. Provisions will be made for exemption from paying either a part or all of the fees by students whose economic situation would otherwise preclude their involvement.
3. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines to implement this policy.
4. Guidelines	<p>The Board has established a student activity fee. The guidelines for administering the implementation of this fee are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Multiple means will be employed to notify parents and students of the requirement to pay activity fees. 2. The activities fee will be paid by all middle and high school students if they choose to participate in any co-curricular activity, either athletic or non-athletic. Participation is optional. This fee is subject to annual review and possible change upon recommendation from the Administration and approval by the School Board. 3. The activities fee will be collected for participation in all co-curricular activities excluding the following: Service Clubs, Elected Positions (Senior Class Advisors, Junior Class Officers, Student Council, Honor Society) and accredited courses such as Band and Chorus.

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4. At the student's request, the activity fee will be refunded to students who are cut from a team before the first game if that is the only activity in which the student is participating.
5. Students will submit a check payable to Souderton Area School District and present this check to the designated assistant principal at the high school and middle schools. Payment of the activities fee will be made before the activity is scheduled to begin. An accounting of participants and fees will be sent to the Director of Business Affairs within one (1) week after the activity begins.
6. Coaches and activity sponsors will receive a listing of those students who have paid their student activities fee.
7. Students who would qualify for free or reduced price lunches, under the guidelines established for the federally funded lunch programs, will not be required to pay the student activity fee. Students should notify the building principal or designee if he/she qualifies for free or reduced price lunches. Other personal or hardship circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the principal. The identity of such students will be kept confidential.
8. All activity fees collected shall be submitted to the business office along with a listing of the names of students who remitted such fees.