



School Fees Forms Packet

School Year 2023-2024

School Fees Notice for Families of Students in Grades K-6



The Utah Constitution prohibits the charging of fees in elementary schools.

If a child is in kindergarten through grade six, they cannot be charged for textbooks, classroom equipment or supplies, musical instruments, field trips, assemblies, snacks (other than food provided through the School Lunch Program), or for anything else that takes place or is used during the regular school day.

Fees may only be charged for programs offered before or after school, or during school vacations. Fees may also be charged for a student that is in grade six and attends a school that includes one or more 7-12 grades, if the school follows a secondary model of delivering education to the school's grade six students.

Utah law requires schools that charge fees, to ensure that a fee waiver or other provisions in lieu of a fee waiver is available to any student whose parents are unable to pay a fee.

Fee Waivers

A fee waiver is a full release from the requirement to pay a fee. If a student is eligible for fee waivers, **all fees must be waived**. If it is not specifically addressed in state law, a school must waive all fees, including any where a student's participation is optional. This means that those students who are eligible for a fee waiver can participate in any school class or activity free of charge.

A student is eligible for a waiver if:

- their family receives TANF funding or SNAP (food stamps or state Family Employment Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program);
- the student receives SSI (Supplemental Security Income);
- the student is designated McKinney-Vento;
- the student is in foster care;
- the student is in state custody; or
- the student is eligible based on family/household income (the levels match those of free lunch eligibility).

** A student may also be eligible for fee waivers if they do not meet any of these standards but are still unable to pay a fee. Please see the local school or district policy for more information.*

If a student wishes to apply for fee waivers, they will be asked to provide documentation of fee waiver eligibility as part of the application process.

To apply for a fee waiver, a student may submit the "Fee Waiver Application (Grades K-6)". A copy of the application is included with this notice and additional copies may be obtained from the school office, or the state school fees website listed at the end of this document. Once the documents have been submitted to the school, the fee requirement will be suspended until a final decision has been reached about the student's eligibility for fee waivers.

If the application is denied, the school will send a "Decision and Appeal Form". The Form will explain why the application was denied and how to appeal the decision. Remember to always keep a copy. If an appeal for a denial of fee waivers is submitted, all fees will not need to be paid until the appeal is decided.

If a student wishes to purchase school pictures, yearbooks, or similar items through the school, those costs are not fees and will not be waived. Also, if a student loses or damages school property, the costs of replacement or repair are not fees and need not be waived.

Donations, Confidentiality, and Enforcement of Fees

School funds are limited, and a school may need help in addition to fees. As a result, the school may ask for tax-deductible donations of school supplies, equipment, or money, but the school cannot require donations.

A student's name is confidential and cannot be disclosed to anyone lacking both a right and a need to know the information, regardless of whether a student has paid fees, donations, and contributions or not, or has applied for, received, or been denied waivers. The school may, however, with the consent of the donor, give appropriate recognition to any person or organization making a major donation or contribution to the school.

The school and school staff cannot withhold, reduce, or enhance grades or credit, or withhold grades, class schedules, credit, report cards, transcripts, or diplomas to enforce the payment of fees.

For further information, contact:

Local school:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

District/Charter School Fees Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

School Fees Notice for Families of Students in Grades 7-12



Utah law permits schools to charge fees in grades seven through twelve.

A student may be charged fees for participation in school classes, activities and programs. A student cannot be requested or required to pay any fee unless that request or requirement has been approved by the local Board of Education and included in the school or district fee schedule.

Utah law requires schools that charge fees to ensure that a fee waiver or other provisions in lieu of a fee waiver is available to any student whose families are unable to pay a fee.

Fee Definition

A fee is defined as something of monetary value that is requested or required by a school for a student to be able to participate in an activity, class, or program that is provided, sponsored, or supported by a school, charter school, or district. This request or requirement can also be implied. Meaning that if something is not required for participation, but there is still an expectation for the student to have that item, it becomes a school fee. Below are some examples of fees:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration fees• Truancy fines• Participation fees | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Costs of class or team trips (including room, board, and meals)• Entrance fees for school concerts or games• Football summer clinic costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After-school program fees• Instrument rentals |
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Charges for class rings, yearbooks, school pictures, letter jackets, and similar items are not fees and need not be waived. Also, if a student loses or damages school property, the costs of replacement or repair are not fees and need not be waived.

Students may be required to pay fees for concurrent enrollment courses or advanced placement exams. The portion of the fees related specifically to college or post-secondary grades or credit is not subject to fee waiver. However, the College Board offers a reduction in these costs for those who are eligible.

Fee Waivers

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Fee Waivers *continued*

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Fee Waiver Application

Grades K-6



- Please read the School Fees Notice (Grades K-6) before completing this Application!
- NO Fees may be charged for activities during the regular school day in grades K-6. This fee waiver application applies only to fees for activities held outside of the regular school day.
- If a school receives verification that a student is eligible for fee waiver, ALL fees must be waived for that student.
- All information on this application will be kept confidential.

Student Information:

Name of student: _____ Student #: _____
 Address: _____
 School: _____ Grade level: _____
 Name of parent: _____ Phone number: _____

Basis for Fee Waiver:

Please check the eligibility that applies: (only 1 is needed)	Verification to submit: *
1. Family receives TANF/FEP/SNAP (Temporary Assistance For Needy Families or Family Employment Program)(Financial Assistance or Food Stamps) (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	• benefit verification from the Utah Department of Workforce Services for the period for which the fee waiver is sought which may be in the form of an electronic screenshot of eligibility determination or status.
2. Student receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI, QUALIFIED CHILD WITH DISABILITIES)	• benefit verification documents from the Social Security Administration.
3. Student qualifies for McKinney-Vento.	• verified through the district or charters McKinney-Vento Liaison.
4. Student is in Foster Care (under Utah or local governmental supervision)	• the youth in care required intake form and school enrollment letter, provided by a case worker from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services or the Utah Juvenile Justice Department.
5. Student is in State Custody	
6. Student is eligible based on family/household income verification. Total Household Members: _____ Total Household Income: \$ _____	• family income verification in the form of income statements, pay stubs, or tax returns. (Please complete page 2.)

*Please note: The school may require you to provide verification of eligibility. Please attach your verification documentation to this form when you give this application to your school. The only exception is eligibility for McKinney-Vento.

If none of the above apply but you wish to apply for fee waivers because of other extenuating circumstances, please state the reason(s) for the request: _____

(Please attach an additional page if needed.)

Please give this application to the Principal/School Director or School Fee Administrator when it is complete. All fee payments will be suspended until the school has decided if your student is eligible for fee waivers. You will then be given notice of the decision. If your student is eligible for a waiver, the school cannot require you to complete service, agree to an installment payment plan, or sign an IOU in place of a waiver.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION AND ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION I HAVE PROVIDED IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

DATE: _____ PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF OPTION #6 WAS SELECTED UNDER THE BASIS FOR FEE WAIVER SECTION

INCOME VERIFICATION FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

(Required for students who do not qualify based on a special category.)

Household income is determined by adding all household income from all sources and then comparing it to the number of people in the household. A household is a group of related or unrelated individuals who are not residents of an institution or boarding house but who are living as one economic unit. This means they generally reside in the same house and share expenses such as rent, utilities and food.

List all income before deductions in the appropriate column(s).

Name:			Earnings from Work (before deductions)	Pension/Retirement Social Security	Welfare, Alimony, Child Support, Other Income	Total Per Person
Last	First	Middle Initial	Monthly Income	Monthly Income	Monthly Income	Total Monthly Income
1			\$	\$	\$	\$
2			\$	\$	\$	\$
3			\$	\$	\$	\$
4			\$	\$	\$	\$

EXAMPLES OF INCOME:

Earnings from Work	Pension/Retirement, Social Security	Welfare, Alimony, Child Support	Other Income
Wages, salaries and tips, strike benefits, unemployment comp., workers' comp, net income from self-owned business or farm	Pensions, supplement, security income, retirement payments, Social Security Income (including SSI a child receives)	*TANF payments*, welfare payments, alimony, and child support payments	Disability benefits; cash withdrawn from savings; interest & dividends; income from estates, trusts, and investments, regular contributions from persons not living in the household; net royalties and annuities; net rental income; any other income

Receipt of TANF assistance automatically qualifies one for fee waiver eligibility. No further proof of income is needed. Please review Basis for Fee Waiver section and submit application under TANF eligibility.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

For School Year:

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	18,954	1,580	790	729	365
2	25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493
3	32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622
4	39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750
5	45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879
6	52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007
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8	65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264
For each additional family member, add:	6,682	557	279	257	129

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Grades 7-12



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Fee Waiver Decision and Appeal Form



To the parent of: _____

Your application for fee waiver has been:

_____ Approved - ALL fees will be waived for the _____ school year.

_____ Denied - for the following reason:

_____ Your child does not qualify under any of the eligible categories.

_____ You have not provided the documentation necessary to determine if your child qualifies for fee waivers.

_____ Other: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of school employee)

Parental Appeal Rights:

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THIS DECISION, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL. To appeal, send a letter (or the Notice of Appeal form printed at the bottom of this page) to the principal/charter school director, explaining why you disagree with this decision. Include your name, your child's name, and the date. **YOU MUST MAIL OR HAND-DELIVER YOUR APPEAL WITHIN TEN SCHOOL DAYS OF RECEIVING THIS NOTICE.** *Keep a copy of the appeal for your records.* A school representative will contact you within two weeks after receiving your appeal and schedule a meeting to discuss your concerns. You will also be given a copy of the districts'/charter schools' Fee Waiver Appeals Policy containing a complete statement of policies and procedures for appeals.

ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF FEES WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE FINAL DECISION IS MADE REGARDING YOUR APPEAL.

Notice of Appeal:

I, _____ wish to appeal the decision regarding my application for school fee waivers for the following reasons: _____

My child's name is: _____

Please schedule a meeting to discuss this appeal. I understand that all fees will be suspended until a final decision has been reached, and that my child will be able to participate fully in all school activities during that time on the same basis as if the fees had been paid.

_____ Date: _____

(Signature of person submitting the appeal)

school contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Service Agreement, Verification and Appeal Form



Utah law states that an LEA may provide alternatives in lieu of fee waivers sufficient "to ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to participate in a class or school-sponsored or supported activity because of an inability to pay a fee." If offered, a student may choose to perform service in lieu of a fee waiver but **a school district cannot require a student to perform service in lieu of a fee waiver**. If your student chooses to perform service, there are options from which to choose to complete the service. Service options may include:

- Service at the school, such as tutorial assistance to other students, or service outside of regular school hours as a student aide to school staff;
- Service in the community such as at a nursing home or hospital; or
- When special needs require, service in the home.

_____ agrees to complete _____ hours of service _____
(Student's name) (brief description)

To be completed before: _____ This will satisfy the student's fee obligation of \$ _____.
(Date)

All services will be credited at the rate of \$ _____ per hour. Once completed, the student's school fees will be waived.

SIGNATURES:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

School Administrator: _____ Date: _____

The school district must ensure that a service assignment is appropriate to the age of the student, physical condition of the student, and maturity of the student. The assignment must also be consistent with state and federal laws, including the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. This requires that the service must be performed 1) within a reasonable period of time, 2) each hour of service is credited at an amount at least equal to the current minimum wage, and 3) service hours worked per day and week are limited according to the student's age.

For example, if a fee-waiver eligible student is assessed \$100 for school fees and the school policy is based upon a \$10 per hour service credit, then the student may be asked to perform up to 10 hours of service.

Service assignments must be conducted in such a way that students are not subjected to embarrassment, ridicule, or humiliation, and must not provide direct private benefit to school employees or their families. In addition, service assignments must avoid excessive burdens on students and families and give proper consideration to a student's educational and transportation needs and other responsibilities.

Verification of Service

If circumstances arise which make it too difficult for a student to complete a service assignment, notify the school principal immediately to determine what adjustments should be made.

Service students will not be considered to be employees of those for whom they provide the service, and no money will be paid to the students or to the school in return for service. Regular employees who work in places where students perform services may not be replaced, nor may their hours be reduced, as a result of the students' service activities. Service is intended to supplement existing services, not replace that which is already being done by others.

Verification of Service:

Service Location: _____ Service Performed: _____

Supervisor: _____ Hours: _____

Starting Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

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Supervisor: _____ Hours: _____

Starting Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

_____ has completed all service hours as stated above, and fulfilled all agreed upon
(Student's name)

service hours to the fullest extent reasonably possible according to individual circumstances of both the student and the school.

Parent: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

I have reviewed the service provided and verified with the Supervisor that all service was completed as stated above to the fullest extent reasonably possible according to individual circumstances of both the student and the school. Therefore, as agreed, all student fees have been waived.

School Administrator: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

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Scholar Academy

Policy: Fee Waiver Policy

Approved: January 17, 2019

Amended: March 25, 2021

Re-Approved: March 29, 2023

Purpose

Scholar Academy (the “School”) must abide by the Utah State Board of Education rules which direct the School’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”) to implement a policy regarding student fees. The purpose of this policy is to provide educational opportunities for all students. This allows the School to establish a reasonable system of fees, while prohibiting practices that would exclude those unable to pay from participation in school-sponsored activities.

Policy

Under the direction of the Board, the School’s Principal (the “Principal”) is authorized to administer this policy and is directed to do so fairly, objectively, and without delay, and in a manner that avoids stigma and unreasonable burdens on students or parents/guardians.

Definitions

"Co-curricular activity" means an activity, course, or program that:

- (a) is an extension of a curricular activity;
- (b) is included in an instructional plan and supervised or conducted by a teacher or educational professional;
- (c) is conducted outside of regular School hours;
- (d) is provided, sponsored, or supported by the School;
- (e) includes a required regular School day activity, course, or program.

“Curricular activity” means an activity, course, or program that is:

- (a) intended to deliver instruction;
- (b) provided, sponsored, or supported by the School; and
- (c) conducted only during School hours.

"Extracurricular activity"

- (a) means an activity, a course, or a program that is:
 - (i) not directly related to delivering instruction;
 - (ii) not a curricular activity or co-curricular activity; and

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- (iii) provided, sponsored, or supported by the School.
- (b) does not include a noncurricular club as defined in Section 53G-7-701.

"Fee" means something of monetary value requested or required by the School as a condition to a student's participation in an activity, class, or program provided, sponsored, or supported by the School. This includes money or something of monetary value raised by a student or the student's family through fundraising.

"Instructional equipment"

- (a) means an activity-related, course-related, or program-related tool or instrument that:
 - (i) is required for a student to use as part of an activity, course, or program in a secondary school;
 - (ii) typically becomes the property of the student upon exiting the activity, course, or program, and
 - (iii) is subject to a fee waiver;
- (b) includes:
 - (i) shears or styling tools;
 - (ii) a band instrument;
 - (iii) a camera;
 - (iv) a stethoscope; or
 - (v) sports equipment, including a bat, mitt, or tennis racket.
- (c) does not include school equipment.

"Instructional supply" means a consumable or non-reusable supply that is necessary for a student to use as part of an activity, course, or program in a secondary school and includes:

- (a) prescriptive footwear;
- (b) brushes or other art supplies, including clay, pain, or art canvas;
- (c) wood for wood shop;
- (d) Legos for Lego robotics;
- (e) film; or
- (f) filament used for 3D printing.

"Non-waivable charge" means a cost, payment, or expenditure that:

- (a) is a personal discretionary charge or purchase, including:
 - (i) a charge for insurance, unless the insurance is required for a student to participate in an activity, class, or program;
 - (ii) a charge for college credit related to the successful completion of:
 - (A) a concurrent enrollment class; or
 - (B) an advanced placement examination; or

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- (iii) except when requested or required by the School, a charge for a personal consumable item such as a yearbook, class ring, letterman jacket or sweater, or other similar item;
- (b) is subject to sales tax as described in Utah State Tax Commission Publication 35, Sales Tax Information for Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools; or
- (c) by Utah Code, federal law, or State Board of Education rule is designated not to be a fee, including:
 - (i) a school uniform as provided in Utah Code § 53G-7-801;
 - (ii) a school lunch; or
 - (iii) a charge for a replacement for damaged or lost School equipment or supplies.

"Provided, sponsored, or supported by the School"

- (a) means an activity, class, program, fundraiser, club, camp, clinic, or other event that:
 - (i) is authorized by the School; or
 - (ii) satisfies at least one of the following conditions:
 - (A) the activity, class, program, fundraiser, club, camp, clinic, or other event is managed or supervised by the School, or a School employee in the employees School employment capacity;
 - (B) the activity, class, program, fundraiser, club, camp, clinic, or other event uses, more than inconsequentially, the School's facilities, equipment, or other School resources; or
 - (C) the activity, class, program, fundraising event, club, camp, clinic, or other event is supported or subsidized, more than inconsequentially, by public funds, including the School's activity funds or minimum school program dollars.
- (b) does not include an activity, class, or program that meets the criteria of a noncurricular club as described in Title 53G, Chapter 7, Part 7, Student Clubs.

"Provision in lieu of fee waiver"

- (a) means an alternative to fee payment or waiver of fee payment; and
- (b) does not include a plan under which fees are paid in installments or under some other delayed payment arrangement.

"Requested or required by the School as a condition to a student's participation" means something of monetary value that is impliedly or explicitly mandated or necessary for a student, parent, or family to provide so that a student may:

- (a) fully participate in school or in a School activity, class, or program;
- (b) successfully complete a School class for the highest grade; or

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- (c) avoid a direct or indirect limitation on full participation in a School activity, class, or program, including limitations created by:
 - (i) peer pressure, shaming, stigmatizing, bullying, or the like; or
 - (ii) withholding or curtailing any privilege that is otherwise provided to any other student.

“School equipment” means a durable school-owned machine, equipment, or tool used by a student as part of an activity, course, or program in a secondary school and includes a saw or 3D printer. “School equipment” includes a saw or 3D printer.

“Something of monetary value”

- (a) means a charge, expense, deposit, rental, fine, or payment, regardless of how the payment is termed, described, requested or required directly or indirectly, in the form of money, goods or services; and
- (b) includes:
 - (i) charges or expenditures for a School field trip or activity trip, including related transportation, food, lodging, and admission charges;
 - (ii) payments made to a third party that provide a part of a School activity, class, or program;
 - (iii) classroom textbooks, supplies or materials;
 - (iv) charges or expenditures for school activity clothing; and
 - (v) a fine, except for a student fine specifically approved the School for:
 - (A) failing to return School property;
 - (B) losing, wasting, or damaging private or School property through intentional, careless, or irresponsible behavior; or
 - (C) improper use of School property, including a parking violation.

“Textbook”

- (a) means instructional material necessary for participation in an activity, course, or program, regardless of the format of the material;
- (b) includes:
 - (i) a hardcopy book or printed pages of instructional material, including a consumable workbook; or
 - (ii) computer hardware, software, or digital content.
- (c) does not include instructional equipment or instructional supplies.

“Waiver” means a full release from the requirement of payment of a fee and from any provision in lieu of fee payment.

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The School may only collect a fee for an activity, class, or program provided, sponsored, or supported by the School consistent with School policies and state law.

Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year:

- (a) if the School imposes a fee, the fee shall be equal to or less than the expense incurred by the School in providing for a student the activity, course, or program for which the School imposes a fee; and
- (b) the School may not impose an additional fee or increase a fee to supplant or subsidize another fee.

Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, the School may not sell textbooks or otherwise charge a fee for textbooks or the maintenance costs of School equipment as provided in Section 53G-7-602, except for a textbook used for a concurrent enrollment or advanced placement course.

All fees are subject to the fee waiver provisions of this policy.

Fees for Classes & Activities During the Regular School Day

Fees for Students in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade

No fee may be charged in kindergarten through sixth grade for materials, textbooks, supplies (except as provided below), or for any class or regular school day activity, including assemblies and field trips.

Elementary students cannot be required to provide their own student supplies. However, the School or teacher may provide to a student's parent or a suggested list of student supplies for use during the regular school day so that a parent or guardian may furnish on a voluntary basis student supplies for student use. The list provided to a student's parent or guardian must include and be preceded by the following language:

"NOTICE: THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST WILL BE USED DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY. THEY MAY BE BROUGHT FROM HOME ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE SCHOOL."

The School may charge a fee to a student in grade six if all of the following are true:

- (a) the School has students in any of the grades seven through twelve;

- (b) the School follows a secondary model of delivering instruction to the School's grade six students; and
- (c) The School annually provides notice to parents that the School will collect fees from grade six students and that the fees are subject to waiver.

Fees for Students in Seventh through Ninth Grade

Fees may be charged in grades 7-9 in connection with an activity, class, or program provided, sponsored, or supported by the School that takes place during the regular school day if the fee is approved as provided in this policy and state law. All such fees are subject to waiver. In addition, if an established or approved class requires payment of fees or purchase of items (i.e., tickets to events, etc.) in order for students to fully participate and to have the opportunity to acquire all skills and knowledge required for full credit and highest grades, the fees or costs for the class are subject to waiver.

In project related courses, projects required for course completion will be included in the course fee.

Secondary students may be required to provide their own student supplies, subject to the fee waiver provisions of this policy.

Fees for Optional Projects

The School may require students at any grade level to provide materials or pay for an additional discretionary project if the student chooses a project in lieu of, or in addition to a required classroom project. A student may not be required to select an additional project as a condition to enrolling, completing, or receiving the highest possible grade for a course. The School will avoid allowing high cost additional projects, particularly when authorizing an additional discretionary project results in pressure on a student by teachers or peers to also complete a similar high cost project.

Fees for Activities Outside of the Regular School Day

Fees may be charged in all grades for any School-sponsored activity that does not take place during the regular school day if participation in the activity is voluntary and does not affect the student's grade or ability to participate fully in any course taught during the regular school day. Fee waivers are available for such fees.

A fee related to a co-curricular or extracurricular activity may not exceed the maximum fee amounts for the co-curricular or extracurricular activity adopted by the Board, as provided below.

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Activities that use the School facilities outside the regular school day but are not provided, sponsored, or supported by the School (i.e., programs sponsored by the parent organization and/or an outside organization) may charge for participation, and fee waivers are not available for these charges.

An activity, class, or program that is provided, sponsored, or supported by the School outside of the regular School day or School year calendar is subject to this policy and state law regardless of the time or season of the activity, class, or program.

In the event the School provides supplemental kindergarten, the School may charge a fee related to a student's enrollment in the supplemental kindergarten. A fee for supplemental kindergarten is subject to waiver.

Fee Schedule

The Board will approve a Fee Schedule at least once each year on or before April 1. The Fee Schedule will establish the maximum fee amount per student for each activity and the maximum total aggregate fee amount per student per school year. No fee may be charged or assessed in connection with an activity, class, or program provided, sponsored, or supported by the School, including for a curricular, co-curricular or extracurricular activity, unless the fee has been set and approved by the Board, is equal to or less than the established maximum fee amount for the activity, and is included in the approved Fee Schedule.

The School will encourage public participation in the development of the Fee Schedule and related policies.

Before approving the School's Fee Schedule, the School will provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed Fee Schedule during a minimum of two public Board meetings. In addition to the standard notice of Board meetings under the Open and Public Meetings Act, the School will provide notice of these Board meetings using the same form of communication regularly used by the administration to communicate with parents.

After the Fee Schedule is adopted, the Board may amend the Fee Schedule using the same process.

Maximum Fee Amounts

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In connection with establishing the Fee Schedule, the Board will establish a per student annual maximum fee amount that the School may charge a student for the student's participation in all courses, programs, and activities provided, sponsored, or supported by the School for the year. This is a maximum total aggregate fee amount per student per School year.

The Board may establish a reasonable number of activities, courses, or programs that will be covered by the annual maximum fee amount.

The amount of revenue raised by a student through an individual fundraiser for an activity, as well as the total per student amount expected to be received through required group fundraising for an activity, will be included as part of the maximum fee amount per student for the activity and maximum total aggregate fee amount per student.

Notice to Parents

The Principal will annually provide written notice of the School's Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy to the parent or guardian of each student in the School by ensuring that a written copy of the School's Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy is included with all registration materials provided to potential or continuing students each year. The procedures for obtaining fee waivers and for appealing a denial of a waiver will also be included with the School's registration materials.

The School will post the applicable Fee Schedule and Fee Waiver Policy, including maximum fee amounts, on the School's website each school year.

Donations

The School may not request or accept a donation in lieu of a fee from a student or parent unless the activity, class, or program for which the donation is solicited will otherwise be fully funded by the School and receipt of the donation will not affect participation by an individual student.

A donation is a fee if a student or parent is required to make the donation as a condition to the student's participation in an activity, class, or program.

The School may solicit and accept a donation or contribution in accordance with the School's policies, including the Donation and Fundraising Policy, but all such requests must clearly state that donations and contributions by a student or parent are voluntary.

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If the School solicits donations, the School: (a) shall solicit and handle donations in accordance with policies and procedures established by the School; and (b) may not place any undue burden on a student or family in relation to a donation.

Fee Collection

The School may pursue reasonable methods for obtaining payment for fees and for charges assessed in connection with a student losing or willfully damaging school property.

The School may not exclude students from school, an activity, a class, or a program that is provided, sponsored, or supported by the School during the regular school day; refuse to issue a course grade; or withhold official student records, including written or electronic grade reports, diplomas, or transcripts, as a result of unpaid fees.

The School may withhold the official student records of a student responsible for lost or damaged School property consistent with Utah Code § 53G-8-212 until the student or the student's parent has paid for the damages, but may not withhold a student's records required for student enrollment or placement in a subsequent school.

A reasonable charge may be imposed by the School to cover the cost of duplicating, mailing, or transmitting transcripts and other school records. No charge may be imposed for duplicating, mailing, or transmitting copies of school records to an elementary or secondary school in which the student is enrolled or intends to enroll.

Consistent with Utah Code § 53G-6-604, the School will forward a certified copy of a transferring student's record to a new school within 30 days of the request, regardless of whether the student owes fees or fines to the School.

Students shall be given notice and an opportunity to pay fines prior to withholding issuance of official written grade reports, diplomas and transcripts. If the student and the student's parent or guardian are unable to pay for damages or if it is determined by the School in consultation with the student's parents that the student's interests would not be served if the parents were to pay for the damages, then the School may provide for a program of voluntary work for the student in lieu of the payment. A general breakage fee levied against all students in a class or school is not permitted.

Fee Refunds

Student fees are non-refundable.

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Budgeting and Spending Revenue Collected Through Fees

The School will follow the general accounting standards described in Rule R277-113 for treatment of fee revenue.

Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, the School will establish a spend plan for the revenue collected from each fee charged. The spend plan will (a) provide students, parents, and employees transparency by identifying a fee's funding uses; (b) identify the needs of the activity, course, or program for the fee being charged and include a list or description of the anticipated types of expenditures, for the current fiscal year or as carryover for use in a future fiscal year, funded by the fee charged.

School Fee Collections & Accounting Procedures

It is the responsibility of the Principal to ensure that all student fees collected are in compliance with the Fee Schedule and applicable financial policies and procedures.

Fees must be received and deposited in a timely manner.

Money may only be collected by staff authorized by the Principal. Students may not collect fees.

Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, the School may not use revenue collected through fees to offset the cost of fee waivers by requiring students and families who do not qualify for fee waivers to pay an increased fee amount to cover the costs of students and families who qualify for fee waivers. However, the School may notify students and families that the students and families may voluntarily pay an increased fee amount or provide a donation to cover the costs of other students and families.

Fee Waiver Provisions

To ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to participate in a class or activity that is provided, sponsored, or supported by the School because of an inability to pay a fee, the School provides fee waivers or other provisions in lieu of fee waivers. Fee waivers or other provisions in lieu of fee waivers will be available to any student whose parent is unable to pay a fee.

All fees are subject to waiver.

Non-waivable charges are not subject to waiver.

Fee Waiver Administration

The Principal will administer this policy and will review and grant fee waiver requests. The process for obtaining waivers or pursuing alternatives will be administered in accordance with this policy, fairly, objectively, and without delay, and in a manner that avoids stigma, embarrassment, undue attention, and unreasonable burdens on students and parents.

The School will not treat a student receiving a fee waiver or provision in lieu of a fee waiver differently from other students. The process for obtaining waivers or pursuing alternatives will create no visible indicators that could lead to identification of fee waiver applicants.

The process for obtaining waivers or pursuing alternatives will comply with the privacy requirements of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. 1232g (FERPA). The School may not identify a student on fee waiver to students, staff members, or other persons who do not need to know. As a general rule, teachers and coaches do not need to know which students receive fee waivers. Students may not assist in the fee waiver approval process.

Fee Waiver Eligibility

A student is eligible for a fee waiver if the School receives verification that:

- (a) In accordance with Utah Code § 53G-7-504(4), family income falls within levels established annually by the State Superintendent and published on the Utah State Board of Education website;
- (b) The student to whom the fee applies receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI). If a student receives SSI, the School may require a benefit verification letter from the Social Security Administration;
- (c) The family receives TANF funding. If a student's family receives TANF, the School may require a letter of decision covering the period for which the fee waiver is sought from the Utah Department of Workforce Services; or
- (d) The student is in foster care through the Division of Child and Family Services or is in state custody. If a student is in state custody or foster care, the School may rely on the youth in care required intake form or school enrollment letter provided by a caseworker from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services or the Utah Juvenile Justice Department.

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The School will not maintain copies of any documentation provided to verify eligibility for a fee waiver.

The School will not subject a family to unreasonable demands for re-qualification.

The School may grant a fee waiver to a student, on a case by case basis, who does not qualify for a fee waiver under the foregoing provisions but who, because of extenuating circumstances, is not reasonably capable of paying the fee.

The School may charge a proportional share of a fee or a reduced fee if circumstances change for a student or family so that fee waiver eligibility no longer exists.

Fee Waiver Approval Process

The Principal will inform patrons of the process for obtaining waivers and will provide a copy of the standard fee waiver application on the School's website and in registration materials each year.

The Principal will review fee waiver applications within five (5) school days of receipt. If the School denies a request for a fee waiver, the School will provide the decision to deny a waiver in writing and will provide notice of the procedure for appeal in the form approved by the Utah State Board of Education.

Any requirement that a student pay a fee will be suspended during any period in which the student's eligibility for a waiver is being determined or during the time a denial of waiver is being appealed.

The School will maintain documentation of fee waiver applications and decisions that is adequate to report the required information to the Utah State Board of Education.

Appeal Process

Denial of eligibility for a waiver may be appealed in writing to the Principal within ten (10) school days of receiving notice of denial. The School shall contact the parent within two (2) weeks after receiving the appeal and schedule a meeting with the Principal to discuss the parent's concerns. If, after meeting with the Principal, the waiver is still denied, the parent may appeal, in writing, within ten (10) school days of receiving notice of denial to the Board.

In order to protect privacy and confidentiality, the School will not retain information or documentation provided to verify eligibility for fee waivers.

Alternatives to Fees and Fee Waivers

The School may allow a student to perform service or another approved task (as described in Utah Code § 53G-7-504(2)) in lieu of paying a fee or, in the case of an eligible student, in lieu receiving a fee waiver, but such alternatives may not be required. If the School allows an alternative to satisfy a fee requirement, the Principal will explore with the interested student and his or her parent/guardian the alternatives available for satisfying the fee requirement, and parents will be given the opportunity to review proposed alternatives to fees and fee waivers. However, if a student is eligible for a waiver, textbook fees must be waived, and no alternative in lieu of a fee waiver is permissible for such fees.

The School may allow a student to perform service in lieu of paying a fee or receiving a fee waiver if: (a) the School establishes a service policy or procedure that ensure that a service assignment is appropriate to the age, physical condition, and maturity of the student; (b) the School's service policy or procedure is consistent with state and federal laws, including Section 53G-7-504 regarding the waiver of fees and the federal Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. 201; (c) the service can be performed within a reasonable period of time; and (d) the service is at least equal to the minimum wage for each hour or service.

A student who performs service may not be treated differently than other students who pay a fee.

The service may not create an unreasonable burden for a student or parent and may not be of such a nature as to demean or stigmatize the student.

The School will transfer the student's service credit to another LEA upon request of the student.

The School may make an installment payment plan available for the payment of a fee. Such a payment plan may not be required in lieu of a fee waiver.

Annual Review, Approval, and Training

The Board will review and approve this policy annually.

The School will develop a plan for at least annual training of School employees on fee-related policies specific to each employee's job functions.



2023-2024 Student Fee Schedule

The following student fees may be assessed to students of Scholar Academy as follows:

REQUIRED FEES (for all fully and partially enrolled students in grades 6-8)		
FEE DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURES FUNDED BY FEE (SPEND PLAN)	TOTAL FEE
6th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity Fee \$25 - activities, intramurals 	\$25
7th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to CCA Fee \$25 - supplies • Activity Fee \$25 - dances, intramurals • Spanish Fee \$5 - cultural food, supplies • Science Fee \$10 - lab supplies • Math Fee \$5 - supplies 	\$70
8th Grade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity Fee \$25 - dances, intramurals • Spanish Fee \$5 - cultural food, supplies • Science Fee \$10 - lab supplies • Math Fee \$5 - supplies 	\$45
FEES FOR OPTIONAL COURSES, PROGRAMS, AND ACTIVITIES (for participating students enrolled in grades 7-8)		
FEE DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURES FUNDED BY FEE (SPEND PLAN)	TOTAL FEE
Art Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art supplies 	\$20/semester
Technology Elective Course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course supplies 	\$10/semester
Teton Science Trip (grade 8 only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teton Science Camp, transportation, activities 	\$400 camp/transportation
Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplies for costumes and props 	\$15/semester
FEES FOR OPTIONAL AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES (for participating students in grades identified below)		
FEE DESCRIPTION	EXPENDITURES FUNDED (SPEND PLAN)	TOTAL FEE
After School Clubs (K-8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplies, stipend for instructors 	0-\$30/term
Choir (grades 2-6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirts 	\$8
School Play (grades 1-8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costumes, sets, props, royalties 	\$30

PER STUDENT Grade 8 ANNUAL MAXIMUM FEE AMOUNT FOR SCHOOL YEAR: \$663

This amount reflects the total student fees any student in grade 8 would be required to pay if the student participated in all courses, programs, and activities provided, sponsored, or supported by the School for students in grade 8 for the year, including the optional Teton Science Trip.

PER STUDENT Grade 7 ANNUAL MAXIMUM FEE AMOUNT FOR SCHOOL YEAR: \$188

This amount reflects the total student fees any student in grades 7 would be required to pay if the student participated in all courses, programs, and activities provided, sponsored, or supported by the School for students in grade 7 for the year.

PER STUDENT Grade 6 ANNUAL MAXIMUM FEE AMOUNT FOR SCHOOL YEAR: \$153

This amount reflects the total student fees any student in grades 6 would be required to pay if the student participated in all courses, programs, and activities provided, sponsored, or supported by the School for students in grade 6 for the year.

PER STUDENT (GRADES K-5) ANNUAL MAXIMUM FEE AMOUNT FOR SCHOOL YEAR: \$128

This amount reflects the total student fees any student in Kindergarten through grade 5 would be required to pay if the student participated in all after-school courses, programs, and activities provided, sponsored, or supported by the School for students in Kindergarten through grade 5 for the year.

Notice to Parents: Your student may be eligible to have one or more of their fees waived. For information on fees and fee waivers, please contact an administrator at the School and/or review the school fees materials provided during registration (School Fees Posters and Notices, Fee Waiver Policy, Fee Waiver Applications, Fee Waiver Decision and Appeal Form, etc.). If you file a fee waiver request with the School and the request is denied, you may appeal the School's decision.