

POLICY

Upper Freehold Regional Board of Education

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2436. ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION FEE

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The Board of Education recognizes the value of athletic competition and extra-curricular activities outside the regular instructional program. However, with reduced or limited revenue and increased expenses, the Board must consider alternative revenue options to support these school-sponsored activities. Therefore, the Board of Education authorizes the establishment of an activity participation fee program as a supplemental revenue source contributing to a percentage of the school district's total costs for operating school-sponsored activities.

The Activity Participation Fee Program will require each pupil participating in a school-sponsored athletic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities that do not effect a student's GPA to pay a participation fee. The specific activities and fee amounts will be recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and approved by the Board on an annual basis prior to the commencement of the registration or sign-up process for the activity. Each year, the district will provide a list of all activities that require a fee. The fee will be determined on a yearly basis based on budget implications. An annual one-time activity fee shall be established prior to May 30th of each school year for the High School and and shall be fixed at the \$160 per AHS pupil and \$60 per Stone Bridge-Middle School pupil regardless of the number of activities the pupil elects to participate in throughout the school year. This per pupil annual fee shall be paid when the pupil registers/signs-up for his/her first activity of the school year.

A fee will entitle students to participate in any number of activities. The activity fee may be waived or reduced based on financial hardship using the New Jersey eligibility standards established for free and reduced price meals.

Refunds:

A refund of the activity fee will only be made in the event the pupil is not accepted into the activity due to the lack of available space or opportunity within the activity (i.e. the pupil is cut from an athletic team or activities, it is determined the pupil is ineligible for participation in the activity due to any reason prior to participation in the activity etc.). A refund of the activity fee will also be provided in the event the district does not offer the activity subsequent to the registration/sign-up process. A refund will not be provided in the event the pupil quits during the course of the activity. No refunds shall be provided in the event the pupil does not participate in any activity for any reason during the school

year or is dismissed due to violations of the school code of conduct. The Superintendent of Schools shall be authorized to approve an activity fee refund to a pupil for a reason(s) not listed above in extenuating circumstances.

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