

## **Bowling Green City Schools Pay-to-Participate Policy**

The Board of Education has established criteria for co-curricular and extra-curricular activities consistent with the educational goals of the district. These criteria include a participation fee schedule for extra-curricular and selected co-curricular activities that involve regular use of district transportation and/or a district paid coach/adviser/director. Students wishing to participate in these kinds of activities will be charged the appropriate fee. Special consideration may be given in cases in which the participation fee would result in exclusion.

### **Participation Fee Schedule**

1. High School students will pay \$100.00 for the first sport; \$75.00 for the second sport; \$50.00 for the third sport. Cheerleaders will pay \$50.00 per season.
2. Middle School students will pay \$50.00 per sport.
3. High School/Middle School students participating in co-curricular activities, including but not limited to, quiz bowl, student activities board, drama, etc., in which a paid adviser exists, will pay \$25.00 per season, year, or play/performance respectively.
4. High School students participating in co-curricular activities in which there is no paid adviser or for which a grade is assigned, including but not limited to, marching band, FFA, Model UN, etc., may be required to pay a transportation fee, amount to be determined based on number of buses, miles, and frequency.
5. The maximum dollar amount to be paid per immediate family for extra-curricular and co-curricular activities is \$350.00.

### **Rules and Regulations**

1. Fees must be paid by the established due date by participant or sponsor; participation will be denied (including practice and scrimmages) if not paid by the due date.
2. Coaches/advisers/directors must provide a list of student participants to the athletic director or Principal at the Middle School and/or High School as soon as such list is determined.
3. Students must return fees and signed form to the High School main office prior to the due date or within two weeks of the start of the club, organization, rehearsal.
4. Pay to Participate does not guarantee playing time or equal playing time.
5. Designated secretaries must maintain communication to determine when maximum amount for an immediate family has been reached.
6. Designated secretaries must provide a list of students for whom the maximum family cap has been reached to each coach/adviser/director.
7. Payments resulting in nonsufficient funds will be reported to the Treasurer and handled according to district policy/process.
8. Fees will be waived for students who provide verification of qualification for free or reduced lunch prices on or before the due date for fees.
9. Fees will be waived for students who provide verification of a temporary or long-term hardship or extenuating circumstance which renders parents/guardians unable to pay on or before the due date for fees.

10. Students denied participation for disciplinary reasons will not be reimbursed their fee.
11. Participants who 'quit' will not be reimbursed their fee.
12. Participants who suffer a season-ending injury, as verified in writing by a physician and submitted to the coach/adviser/director, will be reimbursed their fee.
13. Participants who are team managers, trainers, statisticians, equipment managers and/or hold other voluntary support roles for teams are exempt from the fee.
14. These and other rules and regulations to enforce this resolution are to be provided to student participants and parents/guardians in print form.
15. Parent/guardian acknowledgement of such print material will be maintained in the main office of the Middle School and/or High School.

Adopted: July 23, 2013

“WE UNDERSTAND AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PAY TO  
PARTICIPATE POLICY AS WRITTEN”

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Parent Signature

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Date