

Athletic Transportation Fees

Students who participate in middle school or high school athletics must pay an athletic fee to help offset transportation costs. Athletes pay the fee of **\$20** for **each** season in which they participate (Fall, Winter, and/or Spring). The fee is to be paid directly to the MS/HS ECA Treasurer and is due before the first scrimmage/competition of each season. Athletes who do not have their fee paid or a contract for fee payment signed prior to the first official scrimmage/competition will not be allowed to practice or compete in any way.

- There will be no fee reduction or refund for any reason.

● Athletic fees will be paid after team try-out cuts are made. The fee must be paid before the first scrimmage/competition. If fee is NOT paid before designated time athlete will be “suspended” from practices, contests, and team activities until fee is paid.

- Payment of participation fees does not guarantee a spot on an athletic team, playing time or a letter award. All of the conditions of being a team member apply as if the fee did not exist—that includes playing time based on the coach’s decision.

- The Athletic Director will provide lists to sports team coaches along with team physical and handbook information which will let coaches know eligible participants for the first scrimmage/competition.

- All athletes must pay the \$20 transportation fee; this DOES include those student athletes who qualify for free/reduced lunch. If full payment can not be made, a payment plan must be agreed upon and a contract signed for fee payment in full with the Athletic Director before the first scrimmage/competition.

- There is currently no opportunity for working to replace the fee payment. Also, no scholarships are available through the Athletic Department.

□ Students, parents/guardians, coaches, teachers and administrators are all stakeholders in the day-to-day conduct of school sports. However, the school administration is ultimately accountable for all decisions for all sports programs in the school, even if the program(s) depends upon participation fees or outside contributions from other organizations such as booster clubs.