

**TOPIC CATEGORY:** INSTRUCTION  
**NUMBER CATEGORY:** 6000  
**POLICY TITLE:** STUDENT FEES  
**POLICY NUMBER:** 6340

The Board of Education recognizes some school activities may require additional costs which should be borne by students as a separate charge. Such charges will be kept to a minimum and in some cases may be waived as specified below depending upon the student's eligibility for the free and reduced-price lunch program. In addition, in special cases where the parent/guardian requests that the fee be waived, the administration, under the direction of the Superintendent, shall determine granting of waivers. No fees, specialized or non-specialized attire or equipment shall be required of students outside this policy. This policy does not apply to tuition payments by nonresident students.

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

*“Extracurricular Activities”* means student activities or organizations which are supervised or administered by the school district, which do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades, and in which participation is not required by the school district;

*“Post-secondary education costs”* means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

The District may charge student fees or require students to provide specialized equipment or attire for the following:

- Participation in extracurricular activities, including extracurricular music courses
- Admission fees and transportation charges for spectators attending extracurricular activities
- Post-secondary education costs, limited to tuition and fees associated with obtaining credits from a post-secondary institution
- Transportation for option students and nonresident students (not qualifying for free lunches) as allowed by state statute
- Copies of student files or records as allowed by state statute
- Reimbursement to the district for property lost or damaged by the student
- Before-and-after school or pre-kindergarten services in accordance with state statute
- Summer school or night school
- Breakfast and lunch programs
- Parking

The District may also require students to furnish musical instruments for participation in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. The schools will work with students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches to furnish each with an instrument consistent with the student's interest, taking into consideration the cost and availability of instruments at the time.

Waivers for any of the following shall be provided for students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches:

- Fees and specialized equipment and specialized attire required for participation in extracurricular activities
- Admission fees for on site district-sponsored extracurricular activities and district transportation charges for spectators attending off site extracurricular activities

- Materials required for course projects where the project becomes the property of the student upon completion of the course

The Superintendent shall establish a Student Fee Fund and ensure that funds collected as fees for the following purposes are properly recorded and deposited. The Superintendent shall make known the purposes for which fees in these three areas are collected and shall ensure such fees are spent for those purposes.

- 1) Participation in extracurricular activities
- 2) Post secondary education costs
- 3) Summer school or night school

The specific student fees that will be charged to students during the 2025-2026 school year, and items that students will be required to furnish, are set forth on Appendix A and incorporated into this Policy.

A copy of the student handbook shall be provided to every student, or to every household in which at least one student resides, at no cost to the student or household, and shall include the details contained in this Policy regarding:

- Any non-specialized attire required for specified courses and activities;
- Any personal or consumable items a student will be required to furnish for participation in extracurricular activities;
- Any specialized equipment or specialized attire which a student will be required to provide for any extracurricular activity, including extracurricular music courses;
- Any fees required from a student for participation in any extracurricular activity;
- Any fees required for post secondary education costs;
- Any fees required for transportation costs;
- Any fees required for copies of student files or education records;
- Any fees required for participation in before and after school or pre-kindergarten services;
- Any fees required for participation in summer school or night school;
- Any fees for breakfast or lunch programs;
- The waiver policy for student fees.

The Superintendent shall also make known the following information:

- The collection of all fees allowable under this policy
- Any other types of specialized equipment or attire to be provided by students and allowable under this policy
- Procedures and forms for students or parent/guardians to apply for waivers under this policy
- Deadlines for waivers for all types of fees
- Procedures for allowing facilities use for NSAA District events to avoid conflict with this policy
- Procedures for students receiving post-secondary education credits
- Procedures for the handling of fees related to summer school or night school
- Attendance requirements and procedures in connection with evening, weekend or summer use of facilities related to all extracurricular activities to avoid conflict with this policy
- Procedures for admitting students on waiver to extracurricular activities
- Procedures for transportation of student spectators to extracurricular activities and collection of any related fees

This policy will be reviewed and adopted annually by August 1 at a regular or special meeting of the Board of Education. This shall include a review of all money collected under this policy and use of waivers as provided by this policy.

Legal Reference: Nebraska Constitution, Art VII, Sect. 1

Statute 79-215 (tuition)

79-241 (option student busing)

79-605 (nonresident busing)

79-611 (transportation fees)

79-734 (books, equipment and supplies)

79-2,104 (student files)

79-2,125 to 2,134 (student fees law)

79-1104 (before-and-after-school service)

79-1106 to 1108 (learners with high ability)

## **Appendix A – Specification of Fees for the 2025-2026 School Year**

### **ALL WESTSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

Elementary students in the Westside Community Schools will not be charged any fees for general school supplies or consumable items for the classroom. The District will provide all general supply items required for classroom instruction.

Schools may ask students or parents to donate consumable items such as facial tissues or other items for general classroom use, although no such donation will be required of any student or family, and no student shall receive any advantage or benefit from voluntary participation.

The following items are to be paid, or be provided, by students at each elementary school:

#### **1. Extracurricular Activities - Fees or Specialized Equipment/Attire\***

Fees may be charged for optional extracurricular activities. Cost will vary but shall not exceed \$25 per activity. Except for audition and performance fees for local, state, and regional honor ensembles, plus the cost of music.

#### **2. Transportation**

Elementary students who are not otherwise entitled to bus transportation may contract directly with Chief Bus IF SUCH SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

#### **3. Copies of Student Files/Records**

The District may charge a fee of 25 cents per page copied of education records, except that the charging of a fee shall not result in a parent or eligible student being unable to exercise his or her right to inspect or review student records. Copies are provided at no charge to any public or private school to which the student transfers.

#### **4. Reimbursement for Lost or Damaged Property**

For any District property issued to the student, the student and/or his or her parents/guardians are responsible for payment to the District of 1) the reasonable replacement cost of any District property that is lost, stolen, or is otherwise failed to be returned; and 2) the reasonable repair or replacement cost for any damage to the District property caused (in whole or in part) by the actions of the student.

For school-issued iPads and accessories to be taken home for curriculum-specific purposes:

##### **Repair of Damaged iPad**

1st Claim Per Year	\$25
2nd Claim Per Year	\$50 (\$35 for free/reduced lunch student)
All Claims Beyond 2nd Occurrence	Full cost of the repair

##### **Lost or Stolen iPad**

1st Claim Per Year	50% of full device price (25% for free/reduced lunch student)
2nd Claim Per Year	75% of full device price (50% for free/reduced lunch student)
3rd Claim and Beyond	Full cost of the device

#### Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Accessories

Keyboard Case	Full replacement cost
Charger	Full replacement cost
Charging cable	Full replacement cost
Optional Logitech Crayon Stylus	Full replacement cost

#### 5. Before and After School Programs/Pre-Kindergarten

Before and after school programs, early childhood programs, and 4-year-old programs are operated by the Westside Foundation, and require payment of fees to the Foundation for participation. The fees are not required, set, or collected by the District.

#### 6. Summer Sports Camps

Boys/Girls Basketball - \$60

Football Developmental - \$50

Boys/Girls Tennis - \$60

Volleyball - \$70

Wrestling Technique - \$70

Cross Country - \$40

Strength and Conditioning - \$80

#### 7. Breakfast and Lunch Programs

The cost per meal shall be \$1.90 for breakfast and \$2.90 for lunch.

#### 8. Non-Specialized Attire for Specified Courses and Activities

Physical Education Classes: Students are required to provide tennis shoes or similar footwear.

#### 9. Musical Instruments (Optional Courses - Non-Extracurricular) \*

Students provide their own instruments for Band and/or Strings along with necessary accessories.

Rental/purchase costs vary by instrument at participating music stores. A District owned instrument may be available to elementary students for rental at a cost of \$110 per year. Also, if District owned instruments remain available at the middle school or high school, the District may make available such instruments to elementary students for rental at a cost of \$110 per year. Written requests for rental of instruments for elementary students from the middle school and high school will be considered after distribution of rental instruments at the middle school and high school. Consumables, such as reeds and valve oil, are the responsibility of the student.

\* The items marked with an asterisk may be waived under the District's fee waiver policy for students who qualify. An application for waiver must be submitted in advance to determine student qualification for a waiver. The District provides for the use of a musical instrument without charge for qualifying students; however this does not require the District to provide for the use of a particular type of musical instrument and does not require the District to rent or purchase any instrument for a student. Any specialized equipment or attire, and any musical instruments, provided to a student under the waiver remains the property of the District and must be returned to the District at the conclusion of its use for school purposes.

\*\* Provided free per state law requirements for qualifying students.

**WESTSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Westside Middle School students will not be charged any fees for general school supplies or consumable items. The District will provide all general supply items required for classroom instruction.

The school may ask students or parents to donate consumable items such as facial tissues or other items for general classroom use although no such donation will be required of any student or family, and no student shall receive any advantage or benefit from voluntary participation.

The following items are to be paid for, or provided by, students at Westside Middle School:

**1. Extracurricular Activities - Fees or Specialized Equipment/Attire\***

Band Competitions - Not to exceed \$30 (per competition)

Instruments - Students will be charged a rental fee for the use of school owned instruments for the school year - \$110 for all instruments including percussion instruments.

Cheerleading Tryouts (9th Grade) - T-shirt - \$10

Extracurricular Sports Activity Fee - \$40 (one-time fee, regardless of number of sports)

Intramurals - Team shirt for all participants - \$10

Musical - Musical rights, t-shirts, makeup, props and costume support - \$65

Show Choir - Uniform charge - up to \$350 for Westside Connection and up to \$300 for Treble Express

Other extracurricular activities - Not to exceed \$50 (per activity)

Optional Trips - Not to exceed \$2000 per trip

**2. Extracurricular Activities - Minor Personal or Minor Consumable Items**

Students will be required to furnish their own appropriate personal clothing items and any optional accessories for the particular activity.

**3. Admission Fees/Transportation Charges for Spectators Attending Extracurricular Activities\***

Admissions - Not to exceed \$10 (per event)

**4. Transportation**

WMS students who are not otherwise entitled to bus transportation may contract directly with Chief Bus if such service is available:

Per Month:

1st student: One way \$56, Round trip: \$82

2nd student: One way \$48, Round trip: \$74

3rd student: One way \$40, Round trip: \$66

4+students: no additional charge

Maximum per family not to exceed \$220/month

**5. Copies of Student Files/Records**

The District may charge a fee of up to 25 cents per page copied of education records, except that the charging of a fee shall not result in a parent or eligible student being unable to exercise his or her right to inspect or review. Copies are provided at no charge to any public or private school to which the student transfers.

**6. Reimbursement for Lost or Damaged Property**

For any District property issued to the student, the student and/or his or her parents/guardians are responsible for payment to the District of 1) the reasonable replacement cost of any District property that

is lost, stolen, or is otherwise failed to be returned; and 2) the reasonable repair or replacement cost for any damage to the District property caused (in whole or in part) by the actions of the student.

For school-issued iPads and accessories, the following schedules will be followed:

#### Repair of Damaged iPad

1st Claim Per Year	\$25
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#### Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Accessories

Keyboard Case	Full replacement cost
Charger	Full replacement cost
Charging cable	Full replacement cost
Optional Logitech Crayon Stylus	Full replacement cost

### 7. Summer Sports Camps

Boys/Girls Basketball - \$60  
Boys/Girls Soccer - \$75  
Football Developmental - \$50  
Boys/Girls Tennis - \$60  
Volleyball - \$70  
Wrestling Technique - \$70  
Strength, Speed, and Agility - \$80  
Boys and Girls Cross Country - \$40  
Softball - \$80

### 8. Breakfast and Lunch Programs

Breakfast - \$2.10  
Lunch - \$3.25

### 9. Non-Specialized Attire for Specified Courses and Activities

Physical Education Classes:

Each student is required to provide shorts, t-shirt, and athletic shoes. \$5 for lost or destroyed school issued locks.

### 10. Musical Instruments (Optional Courses - Non-Extracurricular) \*

Band/Strings - Students provide their own instruments and necessary accessories. Rental/purchase costs vary by instrument at participating music stores. A District owned instrument may be available to elementary students for rental at a cost of \$110 per year. Also, if District owned instruments remain available at the high school, the District may make available such instruments to middle school students for rental at a cost of \$110 per year. Written requests for rental of instruments for middle school students

will be considered after distribution of rental instruments at the high school. Consumables, such as reeds and valve oil, are the responsibility of the student.

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## **WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

Westside High School students will not be charged any fees for general school supplies or consumable items. The District will provide all general supply items required for classroom instruction.

The school may ask students or parents to donate consumable items such as facial tissues or other items for general classroom use although no such donation will be required of any student or family, and no student shall receive any advantage or benefit from voluntary participation.

The following items are to be paid, or be provided, by students at Westside High School:

### **1. Extracurricular Activities\***

#### **NSAA Sanctioned Athletic Activities**

Students are required to have a physical and must be covered by health insurance to participate

##### **B. Baseball**

Students will provide baseball glove, bat, appropriate athletic shoes, colored socks and pay indoor facilities fees up to \$30 per season

##### **C. Basketball (Boys and Girls)**

Students will provide appropriate athletic shoes for indoor use only and practice jersey

##### **D. Bowling (Boys and Girls)**

Students will provide a bowling ball, bowling shoes and pay bowling alley fees up to \$30 per season

##### **E. Cross Country (Boys and Girls)**

Students will provide appropriate athletic shoes

##### **F. Football**

Students will provide appropriate athletic shoes and practice jersey



**G. Golf (Boys and Girls)**

Students will provide golf clubs, golf bag, golf balls, appropriate athletic shoes and pay range or green fees up to \$30 per season

**H. Soccer (Boys and Girls)**

Students will provide shin guards, appropriate athletic shoes, colored socks and pay indoor facilities fees up to \$30 per season

**I. Softball**

Students will provide softball glove, bat, appropriate athletic shoes, colored socks and pay indoor facilities fees up to \$30 per season

**J. Swimming and Diving (Boys and Girls)**

Students will provide designated swimwear, goggles and caps

**K. Tennis (Boys and Girls)**

Students will provide tennis racquet, appropriate athletic shoes and pay indoor court fees up to \$30 per season

**L. Track & Field (Boys and Girls)**

Students will provide appropriate athletic shoes

**M. Volleyball**

Students will provide appropriate athletic shoes and knee pads for indoor use only

**N. Wrestling (Boys and Girls)**

Students will provide appropriate athletic shoes for indoor use only

**Other Activities and Clubs****A. Band/Strings**

Students will provide their own instruments and necessary accessories. Rental/purchase costs vary by instrument. (This includes wind/percussion/string instruments)

Students will be charged for replacement of single copy music that is not returned - \$4

Students will be charged a rental fee for the use of school owned instruments for the school year (including percussion instruments) - \$110

Students will be charged for costs associated with optional contests, All-State auditions, festivals and events, not to exceed (per event) - \$30

Students will be responsible for purchasing their own marching shoes- \$25

Students will pay a band uniform cleaning / wear and tear fee - \$50

**B. Band - Color Guard**

Students will be charged for uniforms, team duffle bag, and team warm-up jackets (not to exceed) - \$275

**C. Cheerleading**

Students are required to have a physical and must be covered by health insurance to participate. Students will be charged for the cost of each standard uniform and attendance at summer camp up to \$3,000.

**D. Curriculum Related Activities (eg. DECA, Skills USA, Marching Band, Debate, etc)**

The District does not fund competitive activities for students beyond the state level

After approval from principal or designee, fundraising and/or donations must cover the cost of competition beyond the state level

**E. Dance Team**

Students are required to have a physical and must be covered by health insurance to participate.

Students will be charged for the cost of each standard uniform and attendance at summer camp up to \$3,000

**F. E-Sports**

Students will pay up to equipment, travel, and tournament fees up to \$200

**G. Lacrosse**

Students will pay membership fees to : US Lacrosse \$35, NE Lacrosse \$150, Club fee \$225

Students required to provide their own equipment including helmet, shoulder & elbow pads, crosse, shoes, and mouthguard

**H. Mu Alpha Theta**

Students will pay a National Membership fee - \$10, WHS Chapter Fee \$5

**I. Rugby**

Students will pay equipment and travel fee - \$150

**J. Speech/Debate**

One-time National Speech & Debate Association Induction Fee- \$20

**K. Student Council**

"Launch" Summer Leadership Workshop (not mandatory, but highly recommended) - \$350 - (some scholarships are available for this workshop), WHS membership fee - \$30 which includes t-shirt and various activities

**L. Vocal Music - Choir**

Cabaret T-Shirt - \$10

Students choosing to complete the optional All-State Choir audition - \$25 entry fee and cost of audition music- \$15 - \$20

**M. Vocal Music- Show Choir**

Performance costumes will be provided by the school. Students will be required to purchase the following personal items: Women- rehearsal shirt, makeup, dance tights, dance briefs, leotard and character shoes - approx. \$225; Men- rehearsal shirt, dance shoes - \$75.00

**N. Warrior Theatre**

T-shirt and dinner for each dress rehearsal - not to exceed \$35

International Thespian Society induction fee - \$30

## **O. Zoo Academy/UNMC**

Uniform Shirts - \$35 each

TB/Drug Test - \$40, if not paid by individual insurance

## **2. Extracurricular Activities - Minor Personal or Minor Consumable Items**

Students will be required to furnish their own appropriate personal clothing items and any optional accessories for the particular activity. Optional trips (per trip) - Not to exceed \$2500.00

## **3. Admission Fees/Transportation Charges for Spectators Attending Extracurricular Activities\***

Activity passes for admission to all home athletic events (excluding tournaments and NSAA events) - \$70

## **4. Post-Secondary Education Costs**

### **Advanced Placement Test**

- Test Fee (per test) - \$100.00\*
- Late Registration - \$40.00
- Cancellation - \$40.00
- PSAT (per test) - \$25.00

### **Dual Enrollment**

Students pay the cost of tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credits from a post-secondary educational institution if student chooses to apply for post-secondary education credit

### **Transcript Fees for current students**

Each transcript - \$5

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**8. Summer School**

**WHS Summer School Program\*\***

Resident or Currently Enrolled

One course - \$150

Two courses - \$225

Clinics (max. per clinic) - \$60

Non-resident not currently enrolled

One course - \$185

Two courses - \$285

Clinics (max. per clinic) - \$70

**9. Summer Sports Camps**

Boys/Girls Basketball - \$60

Boys/Girls Soccer - \$65

Football Team Camp - \$60

Boys/Girls Tennis - \$50

Volleyball - \$70

Wrestling Technique - \$60

Strength, Speed, and Agility - \$70

Boys/Girls Cross Country - \$30

Softball - \$70

**10. Parking (per school year)**

On campus parking permit fee - \$60

Parking violation fee - \$20

Fire lane / handicapped parking violation fee - \$50

**11. Breakfast and Lunch Programs**

Breakfast - \$2.25

Lunch - \$3.95

A la carte items vary in price

**12. Non-Specialized Attire for Specified Courses and Activities**

Physical Education Classes:

Students will be required to provide shorts, a t-shirt, and soft-soled (tennis) shoes

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