

SCHOOL FEES POSTER FOR FAMILIES OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12



HELP IS AVAILABLE IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY SCHOOL FEES.

State law requires schools 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.

ALL SCHOOL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO WAIVER.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO HAVE FEES WAIVED?

A student may be eligible to have fees waived if ONE of the following applies:*

- the student's family receives TANF (*food stamps or State Family Employment Program*)
- the student receives SSI (*Supplemental Security Income*)
- the student is in foster care
- the student is in state custody
- 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.*

HOW CAN WE APPLY FOR FEE WAIVERS?

A student or parent may apply for waiver of fees by:

- completing a fee waiver application
- submitting the completed application to the school
- providing documentation of fee waiver eligibility. (*See the Fee Waiver Application for required documentation*)

State law requires schools to verify eligibility for fee waivers. The school will record the eligibility documentation received and whether it met the eligibility requirements and a Decision and Appeal form will be sent to the student. Once recorded, copies of the eligibility documentation will not be kept on file by the school.

HOW WILL A WAIVER IMPACT STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES?

If a student is eligible for fee waivers, **ALL fees must be waived**. This includes fees for registration, books, classes, sports, clubs, drill teams, trips, gate fees, uniforms, activity cards, lockers, extracurricular activities, team summer camps, etc.

If a student qualifies for fee waiver, the school may not require that student to work instead of receiving a waiver, or ask them to pay the fee in installments.

A school may not share a student's fee waiver status with anyone that does not have a need to know.

No school may raise, lower, or withhold grades, or withhold report cards, school records, class schedules or participation during the regular school day to enforce payment of school fees.

To find out more, contact your student's school, visit your school's website, or visit the state school fees website (<https://schools.utah.gov/schoolfees>).

Questions, Comments, or Concerns? Contact the state School Fees team at schoolfees@schools.utah.gov.