

House Bill 1660



What is House Bill 1660?

The Washington State Legislature passed House Bill 1660 to reduce barriers to participation in extracurricular activities for students qualified as low income. The intent of this bill is to increase participation in extracurricular activities by:

- Creating equitable access to extracurricular opportunities that improve academic, social, and emotional outcomes;
- Collecting and analyzing participation data; and
- Addressing barriers to participating in extracurricular activities.

The new law revised RCW 28A.325.010 and RCW 28A.325.050. For optional non-credit extracurricular activities, school districts must:

- Waive attendance or participation fees for eligible low-income students;
- Reduce attendance fees for low-income students' family members; and
- Reduce attendance fees for low-income non-students age ≥ 65 .

The new law also requires school districts to calculate, report and resolve any **high school student** opportunity gaps. For 2021-22, the opportunity gap must be $\leq 16\%$, and reduces annually through the 2024-25 school year.

Which students are affected?

The new reporting requirements are for grades 9-12 ONLY. However, House Bill 1660 requires school districts to waive attendance and/or participation fees for eligible low-income students in **ALL** grades. There are two ways to identify students as low-income:

- Eligible for the College Bound Scholarship Program (*qualify via application in 7th or 8th grade*).
- Eligible for free meals through the National School Lunch Program (*qualify via direct certification or application for free meals*). **Per Federal guidelines, [consent](#) is required to share this data for the purpose of fee waivers.**

Fees for qualified students, with consent on file, that WILL be automatically waived due to HB1660 (the point-of-sale system – InTouch – will automatically waive eligible fees with no action required at school or online):

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| • ASB cards | • Dances | • Pay to play fees |
| • ASB field trips/activities | • Dues | • Sports team uniforms |
| • Competitions/Conferences | • Home games | • Required club attire |

Fees for qualified students that WILL NOT be automatically waived due to HB1660*:

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| • Class fees | • Fundraisers (ASB, PTSA or Boosters) | • SAT/ACT/AP testing |
| • Concessions | • Parking | • School pictures |
| • Curricular activities | • PE clothes | • Spirit wear |
| • Fines | • Playoffs & away games | • Yearbook & Yearbook Ads |

* While **extracurricular** fees are automatically waived for eligible students, NSD Policy 3520 allows for the reduction/waiver of any student fees for those qualified to receive free meals.