



## **Policy Statement**

Collegiate Academies (CA) schools provide robust and effective programming to scholars across academic, social, extracurricular, athletic, and other domains. As public schools, CA will strive to create these programs with minimal contributions (fees) from families and participating students. All fees requested from families will be communicated to families as early as possible, and a clear waiver process will be made available to ensure no undue economic hardship is caused by student fees (fees are recommended, not mandatory). In no case will any fee prohibited by local, state, or federal law be authorized by Collegiate Academies leadership. In no case will students be denied or delayed admission to any instructional activity or have their educational records withheld due to failure to pay a fee.

## **List of Fees**

The 2021-22 fees for all Collegiate Academies schools are outlined in Appendix A. This list includes the purpose and use of fees, and the amount of each fee.

## **Collection of Fees**

- School Leaders (or their designee) will create a description of all fees to be collected by the school. Schools will make every effort to communicate these fees before the beginning of each academic year and will communicate any updates via school website, direct family communication, or other appropriate means.
- School Leaders (or their designee) will collect fees from families and/or scholars. The standard methods of payment are credit card (in person or via our Square Store) or money orders. Cash is not preferred but will also be accepted. Personal checks are not accepted.
- The school will generate a receipt or other documentation of the transaction for the school's records and for those of the family.

## **Spending of Fees**

School Leaders (or their designee) will determine the appropriate use for funds collected via student fees and will be responsible for clearly communicating these plans to students and families. Typical uses of fees include uniforms and/or equipment for athletic and co-curricular organizations; participation in special events such as Homecoming or Senior celebrations; and other supplementary programming that complements the core mission of the school.

## **Economic Hardship Waiver**

Collegiate Academies seeks to balance fairness (i.e., all participating students should pay the same fee) with equity and an acknowledgement of economic hardship facing many families in the communities that we serve. As such, School Leaders (or their designee) will offer fee reductions and waivers to students and families who complete the following steps:

- Make a good faith effort to pay the full fee, including by requesting additional time and/or a payment plan.
- Request a waiver or fee reduction from the School Leader (or designee)
- Provide additional documentation requested by the School Leader (or designee)
- Commit to informing the School Leader (or designee) if the family's economic circumstances change and the fee is able to be paid later in the academic year



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The Louisiana Department of Education provides the following examples of a family status that may be grounds to grant a waiver: families receiving unemployment benefits or public assistance, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid; foster families caring for children in foster care; and families that are homeless. School Leaders may use these indicators and other information to make their determination.

School Leaders (or their designee) will communicate the decision regarding a waiver on a rolling basis directly to families. If a family wishes to appeal a waiver request, they should contact Collegiate Academies Superintendent/CEO, Stacy Martin at [smartin@collegiateacademies.org](mailto:smartin@collegiateacademies.org). In reviewing the decision, the Superintendent may uphold or reverse the decision of the School Leader (or designee); however, the Superintendent of Collegiate Academies review is final. Decisions will be communicated in writing within five (5) days.



## Appendix A

School	Budget Type/Name	Amount Per Student	Use of Fee	Dues Deadline(s)
OA	NONE			
ASA	Volleyball Team fee	\$80	Jersey,shoes,kneepads,socks.	8/2/21
ASA	Football Team Fee	Free to join, uniform purchase required to play	Uniforms, pads, mouthguard, etc.	10/1/21
ASA	Basketball Team Fee (Boys)	\$250	shoes,socks,duffle bag,shorts	12/1/21
ASA	Dance Team Fee	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	uniform,jog suit,shoes,make-up	10/1/21
ASA	Drill Team Fee	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	Uniforms, marching equipment	10/1/21
ASA	Homecoming Fee	\$250	Homecoming attire, limo	10/1/21
ASA	Senior Budget	\$250	Basic or Full Senior Package	Due in full by 2/1/21
ASA	Basketball Team Fee (Girls)	\$250	shoes,socks,duffle bag,shorts	12/1/21
ASA	Cheer Fee	\$525.50	uniforms	1) 1st Payment - 6/28/21 2) 2nd Payment - 8/31/21
ASA	Band Fee	\$100	mouth piece, music assessories	10/1/21
ASA	Flag Team Fee	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	uniforms, and assessories	10/1/21
ASA	Majorette Team Fee	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	uniform,and assessories	10/1/21
CBR	Football Team Fee	\$75.00	uniforms, transportation, meals	TBD
CBR	Cheer Team	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	uniforms, shoes, etc.	TBD
CBR	Girls Basketball	\$75.00	uniforms, transportation, meals	TBD
CBR	Boys Basketball	\$75.00	uniforms, transportation, meals	TBD



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CBR	Volleyball	\$75.00	uniforms, transportation, meals	TBD
CBR	Lady Dolphins Dance Team	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	uniforms, shoes, etc.	TBD
CBR	Senior Budget	TBD	graduation materials, gear	TBD
GWC	Senior Budget	\$500	graduation + senior activities + senior memorabilia	December 1, 2021
GWC	Homecoming Court - Girls	\$750	all outfits worn for the game, dance, and pep rally t-shirt, 2 dance tickets, 2 game tickets, parade fees	Immediately following Homecoming Court voting
GWC	Homecoming Court - Queen	\$1,100	all outfits worn for the game, dance, and pep rally t-shirt, 1 dance tickets, 2 game tickets, parade fees	Immediately following Homecoming Court voting
GWC	Homecoming Court - Boys	\$700	all outfits worn for the game, dance, and pep rally t-shirt, 1 dance tickets, 2 game tickets, parade fees	Immediately following Homecoming Court voting
GWC	Homecoming Court - King	\$700	all outfits worn for the game, dance, and pep rally t-shirt, 1 dance tickets, 2 game tickets, parade fees	Immediately following Homecoming Court voting
GWC	Cheerleading Team	\$572 (new), \$383 (returning)	Black Uniform, Poms, Orange Briefs, Bow, Cheer Bag, Orange Shell	October 1, 2021
GWC	Dance Team	\$450	Uniforms, shoes, tights, jacket	October 1, 2021
GWC	Boys Basketball	\$150	Warm-ups, shoes, t-shirt, bag	December 1, 2021
GWC	Boys and Girls Track Team	\$150	Warm-ups, shoes, t-shirt, bag	February 1, 2021
GWC	Girls Basketball	\$150	Warm-ups, shoes, t-shirt, bag	December 1, 2021
GWC	Majorettes team	\$400	Uniforms, shoes, tights, jacket	October 1, 2021
GWC	Band Members	\$150	T-Shirt, Windsuit	October 1, 2021
LCA	Senior Budget	\$350	Graduation materials and supplies	Due in full by 2/1
LCA	Football, volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball, track	\$100	Athletic uniforms, work out gear	Varies by team
LCA	Cheerleading	TBD	Cheer uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2021



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LCA	Band	\$100	Band uniform cleaning, warm up gear, other supplies	10/1/2021
LCA	Dance Team	TBD	Dance team uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2021
LCA	Majorettes	TBD	Majorette team uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2021
LCA	Flag Team	TBD	Flag team uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2021
LCA	Drill Squad	\$100	Drill squad uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2021
RCA	Football, volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball, track	\$100	Athletic uniforms, work out gear	TBD
RCA	Cheerleading	TBD	Cheer uniforms and other supplies	TBD
RCA	Band	TBD	Band uniform cleaning, warm up gear, other supplies	TBD
RCA	Dance Team	TBD	Dance team uniforms and other supplies	TBD
RCA	Majorettes	TBD	Majorette team uniforms and other supplies	TBD
RCA	Flag Team	TBD	Flag team uniforms and other supplies	TBD
RCA	Drill Squad	TBD	Drill squad uniforms and other supplies	TBD
RCA	Senior Budget	\$275	Graduation materials and supplies	Due in full by 2/1