

**VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS
PAY TO PARTICIPATE
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR PARENTS/STUDENTS**

- Question #1** Will there be a Pay to Participate program for Volusia County Schools?
Answer #1 Yes! It is the intent of the Superintendent to institute a Pay to Participate program for Volusia County Schools.
- Question #2** How much will it cost a student to participate in a high school sport?
Answer #2 Students will be expected to pay an annual fee of \$75.00 a sport regardless of size of program. If a student will be participating in more than one sport, the cost would be \$100.00.
- Question #3** Who is responsible for collecting the participation money?
Answer #3 The athletic director will be the collector of these funds.
- Question #4** When is the money collected?
Answer #4 Each team member must Pay to Participate prior to their first competition. This will give the coaches time to evaluate the players on the team roster. Failure to pay will result in providing an open slot for another athlete.
- Question #5** What happens if the athlete quits, becomes academically ineligible or violates the Code of Student Conduct?
Answer #5 Athletes must pay before the first competition. If the athlete quits prior to the first competition, there is no financial penalty. If the participant quits the team after the season begins, there is no refund. If the participant is academically ineligible, disciplined for a violation of a team or FHSAA rules, violates the Code of Conduct and is suspended from play, there is no full or partial refund.
- Question #6** What happens if the athlete never pays?
Answer #6 If an athlete makes the team, they must pay prior to the first competition. If payment is not received before the first competition, they will not be able to compete. The coach will give the player a reasonable length of time to pay (3 weeks). If payment is not received, the player will be dismissed from the team.
- Question #7** What if the athlete cannot afford to pay the pay to participate fee?
Answer #7 if a student cannot afford the fee, each school will provide opportunities for sponsorships or fundraisers to pay the fee. Free and reduced lunch criteria will be used as a determinant for those students who cannot afford the fee. This criterion cannot be used as a waiver of the pay to participate.
- Question #8** Can each high school continue with their normal fundraisers?
Answer #8 Yes! Pay to Participate will not conflict with each school's normal fundraising projects.
- Question #9** If a student pays to participate, will they be allowed to enter other athletic competitions without paying admission?
Answer #9 No! Student athletes will need to pay the admissions for athletic competitions.
- Question #10** Does the Pay to Participate fee pay for athletic equipment, accessories or other supplies associated with the sport?
Answer #10 No! The individual sport determines the equipment, accessories or supplies associated with the sport that may require funding.
- Question #11** Will athletes playing more than one sport need to fill out the payment form for each sport?
Answer #11 Yes! A payment form is required for each sport.

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