

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Code</i>
	<b>STUDENT ATHLETIC, ACTIVITY, AND PERFORMING ARTS FEES</b>	<b>JJD</b>

***HOLLISTON***

The Holliston School Committee believes that the Holliston Public Schools should have a comprehensive and robust after-school program of activities and athletics that supports the education of the whole child. Ideally, we believe that access to after-school activities and athletics should be taxpayer funded to ensure equal access to district-sponsored student activities and athletics. However, the Holliston School Committee recognizes that the Holliston Public Schools funds are limited, and as a result students may be charged access fees for district-sponsored athletics and activities.

The fees shall be used to cover all or part of the costs involved in extracurricular programs. The Holliston School Committee also recognizes that some families may not be able to afford these fees. No student will be denied access into any program because of a demonstrated financial hardship. The Principal, and/or his/her designee, is authorized to reduce or waive this fee in individual cases of demonstrated financial hardship.

**Athletic User Fees**

Students who wish to participate in the Holliston Public Schools Interscholastic Athletic Program may be required to pay an Athletic User Fee. This fee will be set by the Holliston School Committee and is assessed per sport. HPS has established a per school cap for athletics of five fees per family per year. Athletic User Fee funds collected will be deposited in the Athletics Revolving Account. The payment of this fee does not provide a student with any special consideration or entitlement with respect to playing time. Rather, fees collected in this manner are designed to help defray the operational costs of the Holliston Public Schools athletic budget. These fees are access fees to the sport and there may be other fees associated with participating in the sport. Prior to the start of the sign-up for each sport's season (Fall, Winter, Spring), a list of the estimated additional costs associated with each sport will be provided to parents/guardians so they can have a better understanding of the additional costs associated with a particular sport, if any, in addition to the Athletic User Fee. If additional costs arise, other than those estimated, parents/guardians should be notified in a timely manner.

Participation will not be allowed for any contest until the Athletic User Fee is paid (or has been reduced or waived). In the event a student is unable to or decides not to participate in interscholastic athletics prior to the first contest for that sport, a full refund of the fee will be granted provided that the Athletic Director is notified prior to and up to the date of that contest. No refund of fees will be given after cuts are made and the first contest is held; however, when a sports injury prevents participation, a refund will be given at the discretion of the School Principal.

**Student Activity Fees**

Students who wish to participate in the Holliston Public Schools Student Activities Program may be required to pay an Activities User Fee. This fee will be set by the Holliston School Committee and is a one-time school year fee that grants access to all student activities for one fee. Student Activity User Fee funds collected will be deposited in the Student Activities Revolving Account. The payment of this fee does not provide a student with any special consideration or entitlement with respect to participation in the activity. Rather, fees collected in this manner are designed to help defray the operational costs of the Holliston Public Schools Student Activities budget. These fees are access fees to the Student Activities and there may be other fees associated with participating in the activity. At the beginning of each school year, and prior to the start of the particular student activity, a list of the estimated additional costs

associated with each Student Activity will be provided to parents/guardians so they can have a better understanding of the additional costs associated with a particular activity, if any, in addition to the Student User Activity Fee. If additional costs arise, other than those estimated, parents/guardians should be notified in a timely manner.

Participation will not be allowed for any Student Activity until the Student Activity Fee is paid (or has been reduced or waived).

### **Performing Arts Fees**

Students who wish to participate in the Holliston Public Schools Performing Arts After School Program may be required to pay a Performing Arts User Fee. This fee will be set by the Holliston School Committee and is assessed per Performing Arts activity. Performing Arts User Fee funds collected will be deposited in the Student Activities Revolving Account. The payment of this fee does not provide a student with any special consideration or entitlement with respect to participating in the activity. Rather, fees collected in this manner are designed to help defray the operational costs of the Holliston Public Schools Performing Arts budget. These fees are access fees to the after-school Performing Arts program and there may be other fees associated with participating in the program. Prior to the start of the signup for each Performing Arts season (Fall, Winter, Spring, or full school year), a list of the estimated additional costs associated with each activity will be provided to parents/guardians so they can have a better understanding of the additional costs associated with a particular activity, if any, in addition to the Performing Arts User Fee. If additional costs arise, other than those estimated, parents/guardians should be notified in a timely manner. Students who participate in the Performing Arts After School Program exclusively as stage/tech crew are exempt from the Performing Arts User Fee, but are required to pay a Student Activity Fee.

Participation will not be allowed for any Performing Arts After School Program until the Performing Arts User Fee is paid (or has been reduced or waived).

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