

The Watauga County Board of Education (the “board”) will hold student fees to a minimum. No fee will be charged for required courses or activities. In addition, to the extent funds are made available for this purpose, no registration or exam fees will be charged for Advanced Placement courses, International Baccalaureate Diploma Program courses, or Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education courses, including AS-Level or A-Level courses.

Each principal is required to submit a list of any fees to the superintendent prior to the August board meeting. The superintendent shall adopt procedures providing that student fees, including those for graduation, the school yearbook or supplies for elective classes, are consistent among the different levels and schools. The board must approve all fees. The superintendent shall ensure that the schedule of fees, charges, and solicitations approved by the board is published on the school system’s website by October 15 of each school year and, if the schedule is subsequently revised, within 30 days following the revision.

Any fees imposed will be waived or reduced for students who demonstrate economic hardship. The superintendent shall establish procedures to review requests for fee waivers or reductions.

Each principal shall notify students and parents of the availability of and the process for requesting a fee waiver, or reduction as provided in policy 4002, Parental Involvement.

Legal References: N.C. Const. art. IX, § 2(1); G.S. 115C-47(6), -174.26(a), -216(g), -384

Cross References: Parental Involvement (policy 4002)

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