

FEES, FINES, AND CHARGES (ADMISSION FEES)

The School Committee recognizes the need for student fees to fund certain school activities. It also recognizes that some students may not be able to pay these fees. No student will be denied access into any program because of inability to pay these supplementary charges.

A school may exact a fee or charge only upon Board approval. The schools, however, may:

Charge students enrolled in certain courses for the cost of materials used in projects that will become the property of the student.

Charge for lost and damaged books, materials, supplies, and equipment.

Students who are indigent or eligible for free lunch are exempt from paying fees.* However, indigent students and/or students who qualify for free lunch are not exempt from charges for lost and damaged books, locks, materials, supplies, and equipment.

All student fees and charges, both optional and required, will be listed and described annually in each school's student handbook or in some other written form and distributed to each student. The notice will advise students that fees are to be paid and of the penalties for their failure to pay them. Permissible penalties include the withholding of report cards until payment is made or denial of participation in extra class activities while the student is enrolled in this District.

Any fee or charge due to any school in the District and not paid at the end of the school year will be carried forward to the next succeeding school year as such debts are considered to be debts of the student to the District and not to a particular school. A notice of unpaid fees and/or charges will be sent home to parent/guardian on an annual basis.

* Students who qualify for reduced lunch may be required to pay a portion of fees.

Fees & Ticket Prices

NMRSD last increased its user fees in 2015. Since that time, we have seen increases in costs for transportation (doubled), officiating, supervisory stipends, equipment, league/MIAA membership, and uniforms. To that end, after consulting with the administrative team and looking at other surrounding districts, I am recommending the following increases.

	Current Fee	2023-2024 Fee	2024-2025 Fee
High School Sports	190.00 per season	245.00	275.00
Varsity Ice-Time	200.00	355.00	TBA
JV Ice-Time	200.00	200.00	TBA
Unified High School Sports	100.00 per season	No Change	No Change
Online Payment Fee	5.00 per registration	10.00 (fee increased) Cost of \$7.30 to district	No Change
Marching Band	200.00	245.00	275.00
Winter Percussion	215.00	245.00	275.00
Winter Guard	215.00	245.00	275.00
*High School Dues	25.00 per year	50.00 per year	No Change
Elementary Enrichment	20.00 per session	30.00 per session	No Change
Elementary BOK	20.00 per session	30.00 per session	No Change
Middle Enrichment	30.00 per session	40.00 (materials fee may apply)	No Change
Middle Intramurals	30.00 per session	45.00 per session	No Change
Middle School	100.00	No Change	No Change

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Reduced Lunch: 50% off each fee

Free Lunch: 75% off each fee

***High School Dues** - The collection of high school dues are intended to create a “savings account” for each student to put towards their senior activities (i.e. cookout, prom, graduation cap/gown, etc.) These are not mandatory but will help students avoid having to pay for everything at once. Students who do not participate in dues collection will be required to pay in full in order to participate in senior activities.

In addition, the following high school and middle school fees, which do not require school committee approval have been agreed upon by the administration:

	Current Fee	Recommended Fee
High School Athletic Tickets (Night Games - Indoor Events - after 5:30 p.m. for stadium and gym)	Adult - \$5 Student/Senior Citizen - \$3	No Change
Other Athletic Events	Donation	Donation
Middle School Basketball	No Charge	Adult - \$5 Student/Senior Citizen - \$2
High School Play/Musical	Adult - \$15 Student/Senior Citizen - \$10	No Change
Middle School Play/Musical	Adult - \$8 Student/Senior Citizen - No Charge	Adult - \$10 Student/Senior Citizen - \$5
4th & 5th Grade Concert	No Charge	Donation
High School Concert	Adult - \$4 Student/Senior Citizen - No Charge	Adult - \$10 Student/Senior Citizen - \$3
Middle School Concert		Adult - \$5

		Student/Senior Citizen - \$2
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- Collection of gate for athletics, plays, musicals, must all concerts go into school/district-based revolving accounts. Any money that is collected by boosters is a result of their own fundraising activities.

SOURCE: MASC

Adopted by the NMRSD School Committee:

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