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Registration Fee Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why is the District transitioning to a single comprehensive registration fee?

A. The current system involves separate fees for each course, in addition to expenses such as textbook purchases through a third party, course supplies, academic field trips, student ID, PE uniforms, graduation fees, and technology fees. The new fee structure consolidates these individual charges into a unified registration fee.

Q. What is included in the new comprehensive fee structure?

A. The new comprehensive fee covers all course fees, textbooks, course supplies, academic field trips, student ID, PE uniforms, graduation fees, technology fee, course-related field trips and activity pass.

Q. What is NOT included in the new comprehensive fee structure?

A. The comprehensive fee does not cover activities and athletic participation fees and driver's education fees.

Q. Why does the new comprehensive registration fee seem higher than what I paid last year?

A. The new registration fee now includes the cost of the required course textbooks. These were previously purchased by parents/guardians.

Q. In the past, parents/guardians used to purchase books through My Book Store (MBS). How will my student(s) receive their course books next year?

A. The District will purchase textbooks, and students will receive them at the beginning of the school year. By procuring course books directly from publishers, the District can secure competitive pricing, ultimately reducing overall book costs for families.

Q. In the past, parents/guardians used to buy books from Amazon, eBay, or other retailers at a discounted price. Does the new fee charge more for course books?

A. The District will acquire the books, and students will receive them at the start of the school year. Since the District will directly purchase textbooks from publishers, it can obtain competitive pricing, resulting in lower overall book expenses for families.

Q. What are the benefits of a comprehensive fee from a parent/guardian perspective?

A. Parents/guardians will pay a consistent annual fee during registration, making it easier to budget for school-related costs. All textbooks will be provided on behalf of the students, simplifying the start-of-term process for both parents/guardians and students.

Q. Can parents/guardians make partial payments instead of paying the entire fee at once?

A. Yes, parents/guardians have the option to set up a payment plan through their Infinite Campus portal.

Q. How did District Staff determine the cost of the comprehensive fee?

A. District teams conducted a review of fees and expenses associated with enrollment in our District programs. This comprehensive fee aims to stabilize costs, reducing year-to-year fluctuations caused by different course schedules.

Q. Will the comprehensive fee change from year to year?

A. The finance committee will review the fee annually based on costs and provide recommendations to the Board of Education.

Q. Do other school districts have a comprehensive registration fee?

A. Some school districts have adopted a single comprehensive fee structure, while others maintain individualized fees.