

ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: September 10, 2012

AGENDA ITEM No. 12-09-08

ACTION ITEM (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Senior Citizen Admittance Fee Waiver Policy # 5007 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Senior Citizen Admittance Fee Waiver Policy # 5007

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**PURPOSE:** To provide the Board of Education a proposed policy to waive admittance fees for senior citizens (age 60 or older) who attend school events.

**BACKGROUND:** Some school districts across the state offer senior citizens discounted or free admission to district events and programs. In an effort to recognize the contributions of our community's senior citizens and encourage them to attend school system events, the district is proposing that certain entrance fees for Orange County Schools' events be waived. This would apply to any individual aged 60 and above.

This policy will apply to athletic events, cultural arts performances and other school system events. It will not apply to events where an outside entity, such as the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, requires that attendees pay an admission fee (for example, a high school football playoff game).

This policy has been reviewed by legal counsel, was temporarily approved to be effective immediately by the board for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Approval on August 27, 2012. The policy is being brought back for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval.

Appropriate notification signage informing the public of this benefit has been placed at all school facilities. An article highlighting the board's action was featured in the News of Orange County with notification to be published again in the next week or two.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** There will be a slight decline in gate revenues for school events. The exact financial impact cannot be determined at this time.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the Senior Citizen Admittance Fee Waiver Policy # 5007 on 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Approval.

**Senior Citizen Admittance Fee  
Waiver Policy**

*Date Reviewed/Approved:*

*Policy Number: 5007*

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*Rescinds Policy Number:*

*Issued:*

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The Orange County Board of Education encourages senior citizens to attend school system events and programs. Senior citizens (age 60 or older) will be admitted free of charge to school system events on school property. This policy applies to athletic events, cultural arts performances, and other school system events. The policy does not apply to events where an outside entity such as the North Carolina High School Athletic Association requires that attendees pay an admission fee (for example, a high school football playoff game). School system administrators shall take reasonable steps to notify senior citizens of this free-admission policy, to include the posting of this information on signs at school sites. To gain free admission at a school event, a senior citizen should provide identification specifying the individual's age.