

Houston County Board of Education

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General

Any money collected by any school shall be documented with a receipt.

The schools may receive funds collected from activities and for events held at or in connection with the school, including contracts with other schools for interschool events. To be included in this accounting are all monies collected from lunch rooms, athletics, entertainments, school clubs, fees, concessions, and all fundraising activities. Each principal shall determine the reconciliation method to be used for all events which require a ticket.¹

FEES

School fees are to be kept to a minimum and may be expended only for the purposes for which they were collected. The school shall not require any student to pay a fee to the school for any purpose, except as authorized by the Board. No fees shall be required of any student as a condition to attend the school or use its equipment.² School fees shall be waived for students who receive free or reduced-price lunches.³ No student will be penalized for nonpayment of any school fee.

EXTENDED SCHOOL PROGRAM

Extended school funds shall be collected at the individual schools and receipted and deposited in the school bank account. The principal shall report the collections and pay the Board by school check.⁴

FINES

A student will be held responsible for the cost of replacing any materials or property which the student loses or damages,⁵ including textbooks, library books, equipment, and buildings. All money collected as fines shall be placed in the system-wide school fund.

TUITION INCOME

Tuition collected from nonresident students shall be placed in the system-wide school fund.

RENTAL INCOME

The principal will collect and remit to the central office all money received for use of a particular school facility or other school property.

GRANTS

Grants for educational purposes made available by the state and/or federal government may be sought by the school district but only when the conditions of their availability are in harmony with the purposes and policies of the Board and the laws of the state and county. Principals may apply for and receive grants, but funds shall be recorded in a separate restricted fund account.⁴

COLLECTION OF FUNDS THROUGH ONLINE PAYMENT⁶

Approved district staff may utilize a vendor for electronic collection method for electronic transactions. The Director of Schools/Designee shall determine when this type of transaction may be utilized on a case-by-case basis. At the individual school level, the principal/designee shall oversee the collection of funds and submit a plan that includes the following:

1. Adequate supporting documentation for the electronic collection method including a plan to provide a total daily receipt summary;
2. Methods of providing receipts to payers;
3. Information on maintaining and inspecting any voided receipts; and
4. How daily electronic collections shall be reconciled with the total daily receipt summary and who will be assigned to complete this task.

Processing fees for these transactions may be charged.

The Director of School/designee shall establish adequate internal controls to ensure compliance with the *Tennessee Internal School Funds Manual*.

Legal References

1. [TCA 49-2-110\(a\)](#); [Internal School Funds Manual, Section 5-4](#)
2. [TCA 49-6-3001\(a\)](#); [TCA 49-2-110\(c\)](#)
3. [TCA 49-2-114](#)
4. [Internal School Funds Manual, Section 4-37](#)
5. [TCA 37-10-101, 102](#)
6. [Internal School Funds Manual, Sections 5-8, 5-9](#)

Cross References

Fundraising Activities 2.601
 Student Activity Funds Management 2.900
 Food Service Management 3.500
 Textbooks and Instructional Materials 4.400
 Compensation Guides & Contracts 5.110
 Attendance of Non-Resident Students 6.204
 Student Fees and Fines 6.709