

Annual School Fees FAQ

How is the Registration Fee determined?

The \$355 Registration Fee is set by determining the District cost of purchasing and providing all materials divided by the number of students.

What's covered by the Registration Fee?

The fee covers all instructional materials for all courses during both semesters of the school year, as well as other student supplies. It includes:

- Textbooks (checked out to individual students. They **must be returned** at the end of the year by publicized deadlines to avoid replacement charges.)
- Novels (students keep)
- Workbooks (students keep)
- Initial art and photo supply kits (students keep)
- Lab kits (students keep)
- Chromebook issued Freshman year and transfer students
- 1 PE Shirt each year
- 1 PE Lock Freshman year
- 1 Hallway Lock Freshman year
- 1 Lanyard each year
- 1 ID per year
- Student Assemblies

Items NOT included:

- Calculators
- Replacement of lost books, art and/or photo supplies
- Additional art and photo supplies as needed throughout the year
- Personal school supplies (notebooks, pens, pencils, binders, etc.)

What is covered by the Graduation Fee?

Caps, gowns, tassels, flowers, and diplomas.

Can I avoid the fee by ordering/buying books from other sources?

No. There is no opt-out option. Families must pay the fee for each student enrolled at OPRFHS on or off campus.

What if we can't afford to pay the fee?

Families can apply for annual fee waiver (free/reduced lunch form). Families who qualify for either free or reduced will have 100% of their fees waived; those who qualify for reduced will have lunch at a reduced rate of 90%.

Please note you must submit a form each school year to Food-Services@oprfs.org or turned into the office in the North Cafeteria.

Families who, through the state, already qualify for and receive TANF/food stamp benefits qualify for the waiver. These benefits must be associated with the address on file with the school. The school receives notification of your eligibility directly from the state. Others may bring in the necessary documentation to apply for the waiver and determine eligibility.

We don't qualify for a waiver. What other payment options do we have?

The Business Office offers payment plans. Please email businessoffice@oprfs.org.

Are there discounts for multiple children?

No. Every student is charged the full amount of all three fees unless a fee waiver is approved.

What books will my student have to return at the end of the school year?

Students must return to the Bookstore all of the textbooks that were checked out to them by the published deadlines. Families will be charged the replacement cost of each book that is not returned by the deadline.

What other materials can they return?

The other materials are theirs to keep and cannot be returned for credit.

What will happen if they annotate or damage their textbook?

Students will be billed the replacement cost of the textbook if they annotate, highlight, or damage the textbook in any way. Teachers will be providing alternative strategies to annotation in textbooks.

What about students who get two sets of books via IEP or 504?

The Chromebook will be considered the first set of books if there is an online option. If not, then a textbook will be checked out initially, and within 2 weeks of the start of school, your student will receive their 2nd set without charge.

What happens when students lose books during the school year?

The student should immediately come to the Bookstore to see if their textbook or novel has been turned in. If a textbook, we will be happy to check out another as long as it is available, but the student will now be responsible for both books. If they lost a novel or other consumable item, they would have to pay for a replacement copy.

If a Chromebook is lost or stolen, IMMEDIATELY contact or visit the Student Help Desk at (708) 434-3797, 2nd floor in the SRC.

**Are teachers going to be able to add additional materials during the year?
Change their syllabi?**

The fee covers ALL instructional materials assigned for the year, even those added mid-year or mid-semester.

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