

Annual School Fees FAQ

What is the registration fee and how is it determined?

The \$355 registration fee is assessed at the beginning of each school year that a student is enrolled at OPRFHS. The fee is based on the District's cost of providing all instructional materials divided by the number of students.

What is 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 or upon transfer into the District
- 1 PE shirt each year
- 1 PE lock Freshman year
- 1 hallway lock Freshman year
- 1 lanyard each year
- 2 student IDs each year
- Student assemblies

What is NOT covered by the registration fee?

- Calculators and personal school supplies (notebooks, pens, binders, etc.)
- Replacement of lost or damaged books, art and/or photo supplies
- Replacement of lost lanyards or student IDs
- Repair/replacement of lost or damaged Chromebook or accessories
- Additional art and photo supplies as needed throughout the year
- Additional PE uniforms or locks

What is the graduation fee?

The \$53 graduation fee is assessed at the beginning of a student's Senior year. The fee covers caps, gowns, tassels, flowers, diplomas, and awards associated with the graduation ceremony.

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

No, families must pay the fee for each student enrolled at OPRFHS on or off campus. The District provides these items to ensure all students are using the correct version of textbooks and class-specific materials.

How do I pay student fees?

Fees can be paid online through your Skyward Family Access account. For more information on how to obtain your login information for Family Access, please visit our [website](#). In-person payments are also accepted at the OPRFHS Bookstore.

When are fees due?

The exact date varies each year, but the week before school starts is typically designated as schedule pickup week when students can come to school to receive their class schedule, textbooks, and student ID. In order to receive a schedule, a student must have paid the registration fees in full or been approved for a fee waiver or payment plan.

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

There are two ways families can be eligible to have student fees waived.

1. Families who are eligible to receive TANF/food stamp benefits through the State of Illinois automatically qualify for a fee waiver. These benefits must be associated with the address on file with the school for your student. The school receives notification of your eligibility directly from the State.
2. Families can request a fee waiver by completing a free/reduced lunch application. Eligibility is based on household income, so families may be asked to provide documentation as part of the waiver application to determine eligibility. The application and additional information regarding eligibility can be found at the [OPRFHS Food Service webpage](#).

Please note fee waiver eligibility must be applied for each school year. Families who qualify for either free or reduced lunch will have 100% of the following fees waived: registration fee, graduation fee, Behind the Wheel driver education fee, athletic pay-to-play fees, and summer school fees.

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

The Business Office offers payment plans. The frequency and amount of installment payments is flexible provided that fees are paid in full by the end of the school year. Please email our Business Office Coordinator, Heather Tisue, at htisue@oprfs.org for more information.

Are the fees discounted if I have multiple children?

No, every student is charged the full amount for fees unless a fee waiver is approved.

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

All textbooks that were checked out to students must be returned to the Bookstore by the published deadlines. A fee will be added to the student's account for the replacement cost of each book that is not returned by the deadline. Students who are transferring out from OPRFHS must return their Chromebook to a staff member at the Student Helpdesk. If the device is not returned, a fee will be assessed on the student's account for the replacement cost.

What other materials can they return?

Other materials may be kept by students and cannot be returned for credit.

What will happen if students 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 provide alternative strategies to annotation in textbooks.

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

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 if a student loses a book during the school year?

Students should immediately come to the Bookstore to see if their textbook or novel has been turned in. The Bookstore will check out another textbook to the student as long as it is available, but the student will now be responsible for both books. Students will be billed the replacement cost of any textbooks not returned by the end of the semester. Students must pay for a lost novel or consumable item in order to be issued a replacement copy.

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