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### 8820 STUDENT FEES

The Grand Island Public Schools realizes some activities may require additional expenditures which are properly to be borne by students as a separate charge. Such charges may be waived as specified below depending upon the student's eligibility for the free and reduced-price lunch program. No fees, specialized or non-specialized attire or equipment shall be required of students outside this policy. This policy does not apply to tuition payments by nonresident students.

For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

1. Extracurricular activities means student activities or organizations which are supervised or administered by the school district, which do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades, and in which participation is not otherwise required by the school district;
2. Post secondary education costs means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post secondary educational institution.

The district may charge student fees or require students to provide specialized equipment or attire in the following areas:

1. Participation in extracurricular activities, including extracurricular music courses;
2. Admission fees and transportation charges for spectators attending extracurricular activities;
3. Post-secondary education costs, limited to tuition, books, and fees associated with obtaining credits from the post-secondary institution;
4. Transportation fees for option students not qualifying for free lunches and nonresident students as allowed by state statute;
5. Copies of student files or records as allowed by state statute;
6. Reimbursement to the district for property lost or damaged by the student;
7. Before-and-after-school or pre-kindergarten services in accordance with state statute;
8. Summer school or night school;
9. Breakfast and lunch programs;
10. Minor personal or consumable items for specific courses and activities, including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers, and notebooks;
11. Non-specialized attire meeting general written guidelines for specified courses and activities if the written guidelines are reasonably related to the course or activity; and
12. Materials required for course projects where the project becomes the property of the student upon completion.

The Grand Island Public Schools may also require students to furnish musical instruments for participation in optional music course that are not extracurricular activities. Students qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches shall be provided with a musical instrument of the school's choice.

Waivers shall be provided to students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches for fees, specialized equipment, and specialized attire required for participation in extracurricular activities. Student fees, supplies, and attire may be waived in whole or part under the following circumstances:

- a. A student is identified as being homeless.
- b. Upon the Principal or Assistant Principal's professional recommendation, based upon the students' or families' ability to pay as determined under a reasonable and prudent person standard.

The superintendent or designee shall establish a Student Fee Fund and ensure that funds collected as fees for the following purposes are properly recorded and deposited to it:

- Participation in extracurricular activities;
- Post secondary education costs; and
- Summer school or night school.

The superintendent or designee shall publicize regulations outlining the purposes for which fees in these three areas are collected and shall ensure such fees are spent for those purposes.

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The superintendent or designee shall publicize regulations annually in the student handbook authorizing and governing:

- Any non-specialized clothing required for specified courses and activities;
- Any personal or consumable items a student will be required to furnish for specified courses and activities;
  - Teachers may request students to furnish minor personal consumable items, including but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers and notebooks, for courses and activities which count for graduation or advancement between grades, or in which participation is otherwise required by the Grand Island Public Schools. The request for such items shall be made in such a way that it is clear the furnishing of the same is voluntary. If a student is unable to provide the minor personal consumable item required, the school will supply the item to the student.
- Any materials required for course projects if the project becomes the property of the student upon completion; and
- Any specialized equipment or specialized attire which a student will be required to provide for any extracurricular activity, including extracurricular music courses.

The superintendent or designee shall publicize regulations authorizing and governing the following areas:

1. All fees to be collected within items one through nine of the third paragraph of this policy;
2. Any other types of specialized equipment or attire to be provided by all students in the numbered areas of the third paragraph of this policy;
3. Procedures and forms for students or parent/guardians to apply for waivers under this policy;
4. Deadlines for waivers for all types of fees;
5. Procedures for allowing facilities used for NSAA District events to avoid conflict with this policy;
6. Procedures to avoid the direct handling of fees for students receiving post secondary education credits;
7. Procedures for handling of fees related to summer school or night school;
8. Attendance requirements and procedures in connection with evening, weekend or summer use of facilities related to all extracurricular activities to avoid conflict with this policy;
9. Procedures for admitting students on waiver to extracurricular activities; and
10. Procedures for transportation of student spectators to extracurricular activities and collection of any related fees.

This policy will be reviewed and re-adopted annually by August 1 at a regular or special meeting of the board. This shall include a review of the amount of money collected under this policy and the use of waivers as provided by this policy. The policy shall be published in the student handbook provided at no cost to each student.

Legal Reference:       *Neb. Constitution, Art VII, Sect. 1*  
                              *Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-215 (tuition)*  
  *79-241 (option student busing)*  
  *79-605 (nonresident busing)*  
  *79-611 (transportation fees)*  
  *79-734 (books, equipment and supplies)*  
  *79-2,104 (student files)*  
  *79-2,125 to 2,134 (student fees law)*  
  *79-1104 (before-and-after-school services)*  
  *79-1106 to 1108 (learners with high ability)*

Grand Island Board of Education Policies:  
      *8411 Fines for Lost or Damaged Items*  
      *8650 Participation in Extra Curricular Activities*  
      *8710 Student Files and Records*

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8820.1 Administrative Procedures for Student Fees

The Grand Island Public Schools shall annually hold a public hearing at a regular or special meeting of the board on the proposed student fee policy, following a review of the amount of money collected from students pursuant to, and the use of waivers provided in, the student fee policy for the prior school year. The student fee policy shall be adopted by a majority vote of the school board and shall be published in the student handbook. The board shall provide a paper and/or electronic copy of the handbook to every student or to every household in which at least one student resides, at no cost to the student.

The student fee policy shall include regulations regarding:

- Any non-specialized clothing required for specified courses and activities;
  - *Any non-specialized attire required for participation in extra-curricular activities is to be as reasonably related to the course, non-specialized, general in nature, and suitable for as many similarly situated activities or courses as possible. Additionally, any specialized clothing is to be either provided at district expense or not required.*
- Any personal or consumable items a student will be required to furnish for specified courses and activities;
  - *There are no personal or consumable items students will be required to bring in order to participate in courses. The district will publish a list of personal items a student may wish to voluntarily provide but which are not required by the district.*
- Any materials required for course projects if the project becomes the property of the student upon completion; and
- Any specialized equipment or specialized attire which a student will be required to provide for any extracurricular activity, including extracurricular music courses.
  - *Students must provide all minor personal or minor consumable items for participation in extracurricular activities. The following represents personal items a student may wish to voluntarily provide but which are not required by the district.*

3. Fees for lost or damaged property is as follows:

The Grand Island Public Schools fees for lost or damaged property is as follows:

Fees for late library materials	\$1.00 (Per Day, \$10.00 Maximum)
Fees for lost library materials	Actual replacement cost
Fines for damage to textbooks, lockers, or desks	Reasonable repair cost
Fee for replacement of Student ID	\$5.00
Fees for lost materials	Actual replacement cost
Fees for lost or damaged Electronic Communication Devices	Actual replacement cost

4. Any specialized equipment or attire, which a student will be required to provide for any extracurricular activity.

The district will not require any specialized equipment or attire for a student to participate in any extracurricular activities. However, the Grand Island Public Schools may require, as necessary, non-specialized equipment or attire for a student to participate in extracurricular activities.

5. Any fees required from a student for participation in any extracurricular activity.

The fee amount shown is the maximum amount to be charged. The School District of Grand Island reserves the right to charge less if the program can operate at a lower cost per pupil. The district will charge the following fees for participation in extracurricular activities.

	<b>Student Activity Fee</b> (Any one Student)	<b>Family</b> (Any one family)
Senior High	\$0	\$0
Middle Schools	\$0	\$0

The district may charge fees to recover the actual cost for the following items:

- Uniform cleaning fees
- Admission fees to events such as sports, drama, speech, music, dances, banquets, prom, after prom party

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- Organization fees
- Extracurricular activity facility charges such as greens fees, tennis court fees, bowling fees, pool fees
- Extracurricular activity workshops co-sponsored by the district or at district facilities such as sports clinics, cheer leading clinics, band clinics, swing choir or chorus clinics, flag corps clinics
- Science Fair entry fees
- Sheet music charges

### 6. Any fees required for post secondary education cost.

The district will not charge any fees for post secondary education cost. However, students taking dual enrollment courses or other post secondary education course(s) will need to pay any dues, fees, tuition, and provide books and supplies associated with obtaining the necessary credit from their post secondary educational institution (e.g. Central Community College, UNL, UNO, UNK, etc.).

### 7. Any fees required for transportation cost pursuant to 79-241, 79-605, and 79-611.

Transportation cost pursuant to §79-241, 79-605 and 79-611 will be provided free of any fee or charge.

### 8. Any fees required for copies of student files or records pursuant to 79-2,104.

Copies of student files or records pursuant to §79-2,104 will be provided free of any fee or charge.

### 9. Any fees required for participation in before-and-after-school or pre-kindergarten services offered pursuant to section 79-1104.

Before/after school programs and pre-kindergarten services, if offered, will be offered without any charge to the participant.

### 10. Any fees required for participation in summer school or night school.

Summer school or night school programs, if offered, will be offered without any charge to the participant.

Certification tests	Institutional Fees (Only)
Post Secondary Education	Institutional Fees (Only)

### 11. Fee Waiver Administrative Procedures

Each governing body may establish *administrative procedures* for waving fees or providing items otherwise required to be provided by students in other circumstances. The Grand Island Public Schools *administrative procedures* for waving fees and items otherwise required pursuant to subdivision (1) and (2) of section 3 and section 6 of the under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act shall be:

- An *Application for Student Fees and Supplies Wavier Form* must be completed by a child's custodial adult.
- Families seeking a waiver based upon their status for participation in the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs must complete, on an annual basis, an *Application for Free and Reduced Priced Meals* including *Sharing Information with Other Programs*.
- Families or students who are automatically approved for participation in the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs need not complete a new application. However, all other waiver requirements apply, including *Sharing Information with Other Programs*.
- Participation in the United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs is not required.
- Families must give permission to share information regarding their status with SDGI before a wavier will be considered.
- Application for Student Fees and Supplies Wavier may be completed at any time during the school year.
- Retroactive refunds of Student Fees and Supplies will NOT be made.

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All Student Fees and Supplies may be waived in whole or part under the following circumstances:

- A student is identified as being homeless.
- Principal or assistant principal professional recommendation, based upon the student's or family's ability to pay as determined under a reasonable and prudent person standard.

Except as provided in Grand Island Public Schools Policy *8820–Student Fees* and the accompanying *8820.1 Administrative Procedures*, the Grand Island Public Schools shall not collect any other moneys pursuant to the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fees Authorization Act.

*12. Any Fees for Breakfast and Lunch Program*

<b>2020-2021 Meal/Milk Prices</b>	<b>Full Price</b>	<b>Reduced Price</b>
Elementary Breakfast	\$2.10	\$.30
Elementary Lunch	\$2.65	\$.40
Elementary Milk - (Paper)	\$0.40	n/a
No reduced price for milk		
Middle School Breakfast	\$2.10	\$.30
Middle School Lunch	\$2.85	\$.40
Secondary Milk – (Plastic)	\$0.50	n/a
No reduced price for milk		
Senior High Breakfast	\$2.10	\$.30
Senior High Lunch	\$2.95	\$.40
Secondary Milk – (Plastic)	\$0.50	n/a
No reduced price for milk		
Adult Breakfast	\$2.40	n/a
Adult Lunch	\$3.80	n/a
Adult Chef Salad (does not include milk)	\$3.80	n/a