

**ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: May 12, 2014

AGENDA ITEM No.: 14-05-14

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: Student Fees Approval

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ATTACHMENTS: (1) Student Fee Policy #4600
(2) 2014-2015 proposed district fees

PURPOSE: To provide the Board of Education information regarding student fees for the 2014-2015 school year.

BACKGROUND: According to policy #4600 Student Fees, the Superintendent shall annually submit the schedule of fees to the Board for approval. The Chief Academic Officer requests that each school submit proposed fees for review during the spring of each year. The requests are compiled into a district-wide document for Board review and approval.

In the spring of 2012, the Board of Education approved two new student fees for the 2012-2013 school year - driver's education and laptops.

The student fee for driver's education adopted by the North Carolina Legislature was set to \$55.00 in 2012-2013. With the need to maintain a safe and serviceable fleet of cars and the possible rise in fuel costs, the charge of \$25.00 is no longer sufficient to keep the program operational.

It is proposed that the Board of Education approve an increase of the driver's education fee to \$40.00 per student beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. This increase will bring in approximately \$19,000 which would help in the process of updating driver education vehicles.

See below for the total amounts collected for Driver's Education and Laptops in 2013-2014.

Drivers' Education: \$8,450.00

Laptop Fees:

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| A.L. Stanback | \$13,165.00 |
| C.W. Stanford | \$13,085.00 |
| Gravelly Hill | \$ 8,944.00 |
| Cedar Ridge | \$25,800.00 |
| Orange High | \$26,918.11 |
| Partnership | \$200.00 |
| TOTAL | \$88,112.11 |

FINANCIAL IMPACT: See attached list of fees.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education receive and approve the proposed student fees for 2014-2015 school year. The Superintendent further recommends the Board approve the proposed increase in the driver's education fee from \$25.00 per student to \$40.00 per student beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.

STUDENT FEES

Date Reviewed/Approved: 05/28/2013 Policy Number: 4600

Rescinds Policy Number:

Issued: 11/03/1980, 11/17/2004, 06/22/2012,

The Board of Education wishes to offer to the extent practical its educational programs without charging fees. Before any fee may be charged it must be approved by the Board.

The Superintendent will submit the schedule of fees to the Board each year for approval and the approved fee schedule will be submitted to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Any fees imposed for participation in instructional programs will be waived or reduced for students who demonstrate real economic hardship. The Superintendent will be responsible for establishing procedures to review request for fee waivers or reductions, including the process for appeals.

1. The Board will hold student fees to a minimum.
2. The Superintendent or designee may authorize fee waivers or reductions in individual cases based on demonstrated economic hardship. A student whose family unit has a monthly income from all sources other than from governmental agencies which is less than that show in tables developed and supplied annually by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget as the official poverty threshold and are used by the Orange County Department of Social Services in determining eligibility for food stamps shall be deemed to have an economic hardship and shall be entitled to a waiver of fees. These income levels are subject to annual review by the Board in order to make appropriate adjustments to reflect changes in the cost of living and other economic factors.
4. All applications for waiver or reduction of fees shall be handled in a confidential manner and no public reference shall be made by any school personnel to the fact that a student has not paid a fee or fees or has applied for or received a waiver or reduction with regard to the payment of fees.
5. Each principal will publish or post the schedule of fees and notify students and parents of the availability of and the process for requesting a fee waiver or reduction.
6. Once fees have been paid, any student transferring to another school within the school system will not be assessed additional fees for the same services in the new school for that school year.
7. Fees annually approved by the Board shall be collected and accounted for through school or school district accounts.

Legal References: N.C. Const. art. IX, § 2(1); G.S. 115C-47(6), -216(g), -384

STUDENT FEES 2014-2015

| SCHOOL | DESCRIPTION | 2014-15 |
|----------------|--|-----------|
| New Hope | Recorders for Music | \$ 5.00 |
| GA Brown | Recorders for Music | \$ 5.00 |
| Efland-Cheeks | Recorders for Music | \$ 5.00 |
| Cameron Park | Recorders for Music | \$ 5.00 |
| Central Elem. | Recorders for Music | \$ 5.00 |
| Hillsborough | Recorders for Music | \$ 5.00 |
| Pathways | Recorders for Music (option to borrow) | \$ 5.00 |
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| A.L. Stanback | Band Fees (includes band shirt, binder & sheet protectors) | \$ 25.00 |
| | Chorus - Shirt | \$ 15.00 |
| | 7th/8th Grade Art - per semester | \$ 5.00 |
| | 8th Grade Art - Year Long | \$ 10.00 |
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| Gravelly Hill | Band Fees | |
| | 6th Grade Band (t-shirt, method book) | \$ 25.00 |
| | 7th & 8th Grade Band (t-shirt, concert attire, method book) | \$ 65.00 |
| | 6th Grade Art - 9th weeks | \$ 0.50 |
| | 7th/8th Grade Art -Semester | \$ 4.00 |
| | Chorus | \$ 15.00 |
| | "JIGSAW 44" Performance Shirt | \$ 15.00 |
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| C. W. Stanford | Band Fees - (includes T-shirt, binder & sheet protectors, method book) | \$ 25.00 |
| | 6th Grade Art - 9 weeks | \$ 2.50 |
| | 7th/8th Grade Art - Semester | \$ 5.00 |
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| Cedar Ridge | Furnituremaking/Cabinet Making I - lab fee for consumable materials for take home projects | \$ 25.00 |
| | Furnituremaking/Cabinet Making II (year-long course) - lab fee for consumable materials for take home projects | \$ 40.00 |
| | Furnituremaking/Cabinet Making III and T&A Advanced Studies (semester course) | \$ 25.00 |
| | Furnituremaking/Cabinet Making III and T&A Advanced Studies (year- long course) | \$ 40.00 |
| | Printing/Graphics lab fee for screen printing supplies for take home projects | \$ 15.00 |
| | Chorus - Uniform Fee (Male Students) | \$ 100.00 |
| | Chorus - Uniform Fee (Female Students) | \$ 80.00 |
| | Chorus - Music Library Fee | \$ 10.00 |
| | Marching Band | \$ 150.00 |
| | Marching Band - (shoes if needed) | \$ 30.00 |
| | Concert Band Attire (if needed) | \$ 75.00 |
| | Parking Permit | \$ 75.00 |
| | Drivers Education | \$ 40.00 |
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| Orange High | OHS Agriculture Department (FFA dues/activity bus cost, special individual supplies for classes) | \$ 22.00 |

STUDENT FEES 2014-2015

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| | Chorus Ensemble (Attire) Tuxedo | \$ 125.00 |
| | Chorus Ensemble (Attire) Gown | \$ 100.00 |
| | Concert Band Attire (if needed) | \$ 75.00 |
| | Marching Band | \$ 210.00 |
| | Band Shoes (if needed) | \$ 30.00 |
| | Band Clothing Pack (if needed) | \$ 30.00 |
| | Band Guard Fee (if needed) | \$ 30.00 |
| | Band Stick/Mallett (if needed) | \$ 30.00 |
| | Parking Permit | \$ 75.00 |
| | Drivers Education | \$ 40.00 |
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| District Grades 6-12 | Laptops | \$ 25.00 |