

## ReNEW Student Fee Policy

ReNEW Schools are free and public and there are no mandatory fees to attend ReNEW Schools. ReNEW Schools also offers daily transportation, meals, and many activities free of charge.

At the beginning of the school year, supplies may be requested by the school. Student school supply lists must be approved by the school leader and shall not exceed \$50.00 in total. ReNEW Schools will make every effort to inform families of the school supply list prior to the first day of school.

Periodically, fees may be requested from families for their student's participation in certain activities, these activities may include:

<b>Fee Description</b>	<b>Range of Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Technology Fee	Up to \$25	Repair and replacement of student technology
Uniforms, other school attire, and other school novelty items	Up to \$35	Offset the cost of school uniforms, school sweatshirts, school t-shirts, etc.
School festivals/parties/dances/prom (optional)	Up to \$20	Offset the cost of the event including supplies
High School Prom (optional)	Up to \$40	Offset the cost of venue, supplies, additional staff
Field Trips (optional)	Up to \$20	Transportation and admission
End of Year/Senior Trips (optional)	Up to \$250	Transportation, admission, meals, and lodging
Extracurricular Activities - inclusive of sports, marching band, cheerleading, etc. (optional)	Up to \$500	Repair and replacement of instruments and equipment; uniforms; referees; field rental; transportation
PK, K, 8th Grade Graduation	Up to \$75	Graduation ceremony, cap & gown, (if required)
High School Graduation	Up to \$200	Graduation ceremony, cap & gown, diploma plaque

In no case will any fee prohibited by local, state, or federal law be authorized. As a general practice, student fees are designed to offset the cost of programming funded primarily by other funding sources, including recurring per-pupil revenue and grants. The purpose and use of each fee will be clearly communicated to parents when the fee is requested by the school.

Fees are collected in the school's front office or, when applicable, by a coach or activity sponsor. Cash, credit cards, and money orders are acceptable forms of payment. A receipt or other documentation of the transaction will be supplied to the payor.

Any fees assessed in conflict to this policy are prohibited and failure to pay any fee shall not result in the withholding of a student's education record.

The Chief Executive Officer has the authority to amend this policy, provided all such amendments are reported to the board.

### **Student Fee Waiver Requests**

ReNEW Schools does not intend to place undue hardship upon any of its families and seeks to avoid excluding students from experiences based on an inability to pay. Parents and guardians should contact their student's school social worker/counselor in writing and provide proof of the criteria listed below. The school social worker/counselor or his/her designee will review each request and make a determination within five business days. Students and/or parents or guardians who meet the following criteria will be eligible for a reduction or waiver of fees:

- receiving public assistance funds or unemployment benefits,
- is in foster care or is caring for children in foster care,
- is homeless,
- is serving in, or within the previous year has served in, active military service,
- is eligible for free or reduced-priced school meals,
- is an emancipated minor

If a waiver or reduction of fees is initially denied, parents and guardians have the right to request an appeal. An appeal should be in writing to the school leader and the request and supporting documentation shall be reviewed by the school leader and a network designee.