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2436. ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION FEE PROGRAM

The Haddon Township Board of Education recognizes the value of athletic competition and co-curricular activities outside the regular instructional program. However, with reduced or limited revenue and increased expenses, the Board must consider alternative revenue options to support these school-sponsored activities. Therefore, the Board of Education authorizes the establishment of an Activity Participation Fee program as a supplemental revenue source contributing to a percentage of the school district's total costs for operating school-sponsored activities.

The Activity Participation Fee Program will require each pupil in grades seven to twelve participating in a school-sponsored athletic or co-curricular activity to pay a participation fee. The specific activities and fee amounts will be recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and approved by the Board at the annual Reorganization Meeting prior to the commencement of the registration or sign-up process for the activity. Participation fees specific to middle school and high school pupils will be disseminated to parents and guardians through established District protocols.

A participation fee cap will be established for families with multiple children in both the middle school and the high school (dependent children residing in the same household) regardless of the number of activities or programs the pupils elect to participate in throughout the school year. This per family, per school, annual fee shall be paid in the beginning of the school year following procedures established and disseminated by the district's Business Office.

The participation fee will be waived based on financial hardship using the New Jersey eligibility standards established for free and reduced price meals. Upon recommendation of the Principal and review by the Superintendent, the participation fee may be waived based on other hardships.

A refund of the participation fee will be provided only in the event the district does not offer the activity subsequent to the registration/sign-up process; and if the pupil is registered for that one single activity *only* for the school year. The Superintendent of Schools shall be authorized to approve an activity fee refund to a pupil in the case of extenuating circumstances.

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2436. ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION FEE PROGRAM – PROCEDURES

Participation Fee Structure

The Haddon Township Board of Education establishes the following Activity Participation Fees for the 2010-2011 school year for families of:

Rohrer Middle School students in grades seven and eight to offset program costs:

\$75.00 for the first student; and \$100.00 for two or more students

Haddon Township High School students in grades nine to twelve to offset program costs:

\$100.00 for the first student; and \$150.00 for two or more students

For families with eligible students in both Rohrer Middle School and Haddon Township High School, the maximum fee can not exceed \$200.

Collection of Participation Fees

Prior to August 1st, parents and guardians of students in grades seven to twelve will receive a letter outlining school specific athletic and co-curricular activities to be offered for the school year, and a Participation Fee form to complete.

Pupils selecting to participate in one or more activities will complete an “Intent to Participate” form, and return it to the Haddon Township Business Office with payment according to the established fee structure *not later than August 15th*. Checks or money orders must be made out to “The Haddon Township Board of Education.” Refunds will be made only under those conditions established in Policy 2436. In no case will a Participation Fee be returned before October 30th.

Families with demonstrated eligibility for Free and Reduced Lunch; or families that believe they may meet eligibility requirements will complete an eligibility review form and return it in place of the check or money order. Those families not eligible will be notified and billed according to the established fee structure.

Pupil Participation

The building principals or their designees will be responsible for maintaining records of student participation in athletic and co-curricular activities.

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