

Operational Services

Waiver of Student Fees

The Superintendent will recommend annually to the Board for adoption what fees, if any, will be charged for the use of textbooks, consumable materials, extracurricular activities, and other school fees. Students will pay for loss of schoolbooks or other school-owned materials.

Fees for textbooks and other instructional materials are waived for students who meet the eligibility criteria for fee waiver contained in this policy. In order that no student is denied educational services or academic credit due to the inability of parent(s)/guardian(s) to pay fees and charges, the Superintendent will recommend to the Board for adoption what additional fees, if any, the District will waive for students who meet the eligibility criteria for fee waiver. Students receiving a fee waiver are not exempt from charges for lost and damaged books, locks, materials, supplies, and equipment.

The Superintendent shall ensure that applications for fee waivers are widely available and distributed according to State law and ISBE rule and that provisions for assisting parents/guardians complete the application are available.

A student shall be eligible for a fee waiver when:

1. The student currently lives in a household that meets the free lunch or breakfasts eligibility guidelines established by the federal government pursuant to the National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. §1758; 7 C.F.R. Part 245; or
2. The student or student's family is currently receiving aid under Article IV of The Illinois Public Aid Code (Aid to Families with Dependent Children).

Verification

The Superintendent or designee must follow the verification requirements of 7 C.F.R. 245.6a when using the free lunch or breakfast eligibility guidelines pursuant to The National School Lunch Act as the basis for waiver of the student's fee(s).

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.13 and 5/10-22.25.
23 Ill. Admin. Code §1.245 [unenforceable].

CROSS REF.: 4:130 (Free and Reduced-Price Food Services)

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