

Board of Education Special Hearing
Policy 504.19 Student Fees
Monday, July 14, 2025 7:00 PM
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Conference Room
1501 Front St
Henderson, NE 68371-8929

HEARTLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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AGENDA

1. **Open Hearing**
 - 1.1. **Call to Order**
 - 1.2. **Public Notice of the Hearing**
 - 1.3. **Recognize Open Meetings Act Posting**
 - 1.4. **Roll Call**
2. **Hear Public Comment, Input, and Observations On Policy 504.19 Student Fees**
3. **Close Hearing**

STUDENT FEES

The board 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. Postsecondary education costs means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a postsecondary 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. Postsecondary education costs, limited to tuition and fees associated with obtaining credits from the postsecondary 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 prekindergarten services in accordance with state statute;
8. Summer school or night school; and
9. Breakfast and lunch programs.

The district may also require students to furnish musical instruments for participation in optional music courses 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.

The superintendent 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;
- Postsecondary education costs; and
- Summer school or night school.

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

The superintendent shall distribute regulations to be published annually in the student handbook authorizing and governing:

1. Any non-specialized clothing required for specified courses and activities;
2. Any personal or consumable items a student will be required to furnish for specified activities; and
3. Any specialized equipment or specialized attire which a student will be required to provide for any extracurricular activity, including extracurricular music courses.

The superintendent shall also distribute any regulations authorizing and governing the following areas:

1. All fees to be collected within the nine numbered areas of the third paragraph of this policy;
2. Any other types of specialized equipment or attire to be provided by all students in the nine 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 *[to avoid the direct handling of fees; for the handling of fees]* for students receiving postsecondary education credits;
6. Procedures for handling of fees related to summer school or night school; and
7. 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.

The maximum dollar amount of each fee must be specified as part of this policy.

Public concerns or complaints regarding required fees, attire or equipment shall be addressed under Policy 1005.01, Public Complaints.

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 household.

**Appendix“1” to 2024-2025 Student Fees Policy of Heartland Community Schools—
Additional Specification of Required Materials and Fees**

Programs	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
Elementary Program		
Suggested school supplies		\$10-\$25
Junior High Program		
Suggested school supplies		\$10-\$30
8 th Speech	4x6 lined note cards, stopwatch, tablet.	
Science	Composition book	
Art	Sketchbook	
	Pens (black/red) pencils, Markers, highlighters, folders notebooks, basic calc., Kleenex	
Secondary Program		
	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
PreCal & Prob/Stats classes	Graphing calculator	\$100-\$125
Sophomore English	Folders, 4x6 lined note cards, steno, pens, 2 spiral notebooks, camera.	\$10-\$15
Senior English	Paperback book, notebook, note cards.	\$10-\$15
Speech	Stopwatch, 4x6 lined note cards, legal pad, colored pencils/markers optional.	
Science	Scientific calculator, notebook	
	3-ring binder, small notebook.	
Extracurricular and other programs		
	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
Chorus	Cleaning	\$10
Band	Cleaning	\$20
Instrumental Rental		\$1-\$15
Driver’s Education		Fee to be set in February for summer of 2026.

Legal Reference: Neb. Constitution, Art VII, Sect. 1
Neb. Statute 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)

Cross Reference: 505.05 Fines for Lost or Damaged Items
506 Student Activities
507.01 Student Records Access
801 Transportation
802.05 Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility
1005.01 Public Complaints

Approved:

Reviewed:

Revised: July 14, 2025

24-25 Fees Collected

Meal Charges	Breakfast Sales	\$95,431
	Lunch Sales	
	Extra Milk Sales	
	Non-Reimbursable Sales (extras)	
Pre-School	Tuition	\$7,588
Admission	Activity Passes	\$2,985
Band	Uniform Cleaning	\$0
	Shoe Cleaning/Repair/Replacement	\$0
	Instrument Supply Resale	\$270
Indust. Tech / Ag.	Student Project Materials Cost	\$762
Computer Deposits	Self-Insurance & Misc. Charges	\$4,438
TOTAL		\$111,474