

PAY-TO-PARTICIPATE POLICY AND AGREEMENT

1. All Athletic Pay-to-Participate fees must be paid using the PaySchools system. Anyone with circumstances preventing them from using PaySchools must make arrangements through the High School Athletic Department. Payment not received by the required due date will result in your child not being able to take part in any team activities (practices, scrimmages, or games).
2. Self-funded (club) sports fees will be set and adjusted accordingly each year at the beginning of each season. (Bowling, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, etc.)
3. Financial Aid: Those in the Reduced Lunch Program must pay 50% of the participation fee and those on Free Lunch Program must pay 25% participation fee, with the exception of self-funded sports. No reduction in fees is permitted in self-funded sports. Each year, you must complete the Sharing Information with Other Programs form, which is included in the Free and Reduced Lunch Application, and check the *“Yes!, I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with District grant applications, including Pay-to-Participate sports programs.”* Submit this form to Food Services at the beginning of each school year. If you need a Sharing Information with Other Programs form, please contact the Food Services Department or your school office.
4. Payment of the participation fee is **NOT REFUNDABLE** unless a team is cancelled because of low participation and does not meet the required number of athletes.
5. Payment of the participation fee is **NOT REFUNDABLE** if the student voluntarily withdraws from the team; if there is a lack of playing time; if the student becomes injured on his own account in any activity outside of the normal school schedule; is ineligible, if the student becomes ineligible during the season due to grades; if an athlete is removed from a team for disciplinary reasons; when a cancelled contest cannot be rescheduled; or when a full allotment of games cannot be scheduled. There are no refunds on self-funded sports.
6. Participation fee **DOES NOT** guarantee an athlete any playing time, with the exception as required by Middle School Rules.
7. Student athletes will be expected to meet all MHSAA, District, School, Athletic Department, and Team rules, regulations, policies and codes of conduct.
8. Refunds will only be given to an athlete who suffers a season-ending injury prior to the mid-point of the season and the injury precludes him/her from participating in one-half of the regularly scheduled contests. After the mid-point season, no refunds will be given. A medical authorization letter from a physician must accompany such requests. There are no refunds on self-funded sports for injuries.