## Response/Action Required



August 27, 2021

To: All High School and Middle School Principals, Assistant Principals,

and Office Managers

From: Andi Tress, Accounting Director

Regarding: House Bill 1660 – Waiving of Athletic and ASB Fees

In 2020, the state legislature passed <u>House Bill (HB) 1660</u>, relating to the participation of students who are low income in extracurricular activities.

The bill aims to increase participation and equity in extracurricular activities by:

1) Creating equitable access to extracurricular opportunities that improve academic, social, and emotional outcomes;

2) Collecting and analyzing data; and

3) Addressing barriers to extracurricular activities, such as Associated Student Body (ASB) fees.

The new law revised RCW 28A.335.010 and RCW 28A.325.050.

For optional non-credit extracurricular activities which are of a cultural, social, recreational, or athletic nature, school districts must:

- Waive attendance or participation fees for eligible low-income students;
- Reduce attendance fees for low-income students' family members; and
- Reduce attendance fees for low-income nonstudents age > 65.

Student fees that are eligible to be waived:

ASB cards

Dances

• Competitions and conferences

Plays

Home games

• Uniforms – barrier to participation

• Trips

Dues

Student fees that will not be waived:

• SAT/ACT/AP tests

Photos

PE clothes

Booster/PTA fundraisers

• Fines – option to volunteer

Yearbooks and ads

Traffic safety education

• Replacement supplies

Curricular activities

Spirit wear

Concessions

Parking

Playoffs and away games

Applicable student fees will automatically ring up as zero dollars when purchased online or at a school office for qualified students.

Approved for Distribution

Jeff Moore

Families and people over the age of 65 who qualify for reduced rates and wish to purchase tickets for qualifying activities must do so at a school site.

Eligible students and families are either:

- Enrolled in the College Bound Scholarship Program (qualify via application in 7th or 8th grade).
- Eligible for free or reduced-price meals through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program (qualify via Direct Certification or through a FRPL application).
  Applications are available online or at your student's school and parent consent is required to share this data.

For families who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, parents and/or guardians must consent to share this information. The consent can be provided in the annual student information update, via the <u>Enrollment Information - Individual Forms</u> or through Rank One.

Forms that are received as a hard copy or through Rank One need to be entered by the school into e-schools in the EPS Additional Information & FERPA page.

EPS Additional Information &	FERPA	
Release to Recruiters		v
Release to Colleges/Schools		¥
Backpack		
FAFSA Opt Out		
Fusion		v
Graduation Alliance Data		
OnlineHS Orientation Completed		
Release FRL to Athletics		¥
Release FRL to ASB		w

The paper forms received need to be retained with the schools for 6 years, but do not need to go into the student files. If the consent form is not entered into e-schools the student or family's fees will not be waived or reduced.

If you have any questions, please contact Andi Tress, Ext. 4179 or Dani Mundell, Ext. 4260.

## **Required Action:**

Distribute this information to Office Managers, ASB Treasurers and staff members who enter student information in e-schools.