

Wilson County Board of Education

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FEES

School fees are defined as follows:¹

1. Fees for activities that occur during regular school hours, including field trips;
2. Fees for activities and supplies required to participate in all courses offered for credit or grades;
3. Fees or tuition for courses taken for credit or grade during summer school;
4. Fees required for graduation ceremonies.

School fees are not:

1. Fines for overdue library books;
2. Fines for the abuse of school parking privileges and other school rules developed for the safe and efficient operation of the school;
3. Charges for lost, damaged or destroyed textbooks, library books, workbooks or other school property;
4. Charges for debt owed the school;
5. Refundable deposits for locks or other security devices required for protection of school property when used in a not-for-credit extracurricular activities;
6. Costs to participate in not-for-credit extracurricular activities including athletics;
7. Tuition for non-resident students; and
8. Parking or rental fees for equipment.

No fee will be charged any student as a condition to attending school², but students shall be responsible for normal school supplies, such as pencils and paper.

School fees shall be waived for students who receive free or reduced price school lunches.³ The application for determining eligibility for free or reduced price lunches on a form supplied by the State Department of Education shall be used to verify student eligibility for fee waivers.

¹ TCA 49-2-114

² TCA 49-6-3001(A); TCA 49-2-110(c)

³ TCA 49-2-114

1 At the beginning of the school year, each principal shall be responsible for providing to all students and their
2 parents/guardians written notice of the required student fees and the process for fee waiver for students who
3 receive free or reduced price lunches. The parent/guardian of an eligible student must sign the appropriate
4 application for free or reduced price lunches and the waiver of school fees, but may pay for all or a portion of the
5 school fees.

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7 Written notice of approval or denial of request for fee waivers shall be provided to all parents/guardians. Any
8 denial shall contain specific grounds for denial and an opportunity for the parent/guardian to meet with
9 appropriate school personnel.

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11 Persons collecting fees shall be provided a list containing only the names of those students eligible for waivers
12 and for whom they are responsible for collecting fees. Any records related to this program which identify
13 particular students shall be maintained in strictest confidence.

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15 All fees will be reviewed annually and approved by the Board.

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17 No employee may charge a student for any service rendered during the school day.

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21 Students who destroy, damage or lose school property including but not limited to buildings, school buses,
22 books, equipment and records will be responsible for the actual cost of replacing or repairing such materials or
23 equipment.¹

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25 The grades, grade cards, diploma or transcript of a student who is responsible for vandalism or theft or who has
26 otherwise incurred a debt to a school may be held until the student or the student's parent/guardian has paid for
27 the damages.

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29 Textbooks are available for free to students as a loan. Parents/guardians will accept full responsibility for the
30 proper care, preservation, return or replacement of textbooks issued to the students. The condition of each
31 book and a book number shall be recorded by the teacher issuing it.

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33 The life of the book is considered to be six (6) years. Charges for lost books will be as follows: year one (1) to
34 three (3) replacement cost of book and year four (4) to six (6) ninety percent (90%). Damage fines will be based
35 on the wear beyond that normally expected for one year. For one year's wear there will be no charge.

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¹ TCA 37-10-101 through TCA 37-10-102

1 Fines may be assessed for overdue, damaged or lost library books. In no event will the fine exceed the current
2 cost of replacing the book.

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