

Kimberly School District

Policy #3360

STUDENTS

Extracurricular Transportation Student Fee Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a framework for the recovery of a portion of district general fund expenditures associated with transportation for voluntary extracurricular activities.

Policy Statement

The Board of Trustees recognizes that participation in extracurricular activities provides valuable educational and developmental opportunities for students. The Board also recognizes that transportation for extracurricular activities represents a significant and increasing cost to the district's general fund.

In order to sustain a broad range of extracurricular opportunities while maintaining fiscal responsibility, the Board authorizes the assessment of an extracurricular transportation fee for students participating in voluntary extracurricular programs.

Authority

The Superintendent is directed to develop and implement administrative procedures necessary to carry out this policy, including the establishment, calculation, and collection of extracurricular transportation fees.

Fee Structure

The Superintendent shall establish a tiered fee structure based on relative transportation usage associated with each extracurricular activity. The tiered structure shall reflect factors such as, but not limited to, frequency of travel, distance traveled, and overall transportation resource utilization.

The fee structure shall be designed to ensure that collected fees do not exceed the portion of extracurricular transportation costs subsidized by the district's general fund after all available state transportation funding and local transportation revenues have been applied. Fee revenues shall be used solely to partially offset unfunded extracurricular transportation costs

and shall not generate revenue beyond the district's actual general fund contribution for extracurricular transportation.

Hardship Provision

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for fee reduction or waiver for students demonstrating financial hardship. Eligibility criteria shall include, at a minimum, consideration of federal free and reduced-price lunch qualification and other documented financial need.

Fee Cap

The Superintendent shall establish an annual maximum fee cap per student to ensure equitable access to extracurricular participation regardless of the number of activities in which a student participates.

Review and Approval

The extracurricular transportation fee schedule and associated procedures shall be reviewed annually and presented to the Board of Trustees for approval as part of the annual fee approval process.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to deny student participation in extracurricular activities based solely on inability to pay fees established under this policy.

Policy History: