

Descriptor Term:

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**FEE POLICY**

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1. The Jackson County Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to charge reasonable fees, but not more than the actual cost, for the following:
  - a. Supplemental instructional materials and supplies, excluding textbooks;
  - b. Any other fees designated by the school board as fees related to a valid curriculum educational objective, including transportation; and
  - c. Extracurricular activities and any other educational activities of the school district that are not designated by the Superintendent as valid curriculum educational objectives, such as band trips and athletic events.

Jackson County School District shall adopt the following financial hardship waiver policy:

**FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WAIVER POLICY**

All fees authorized to be charged under section 1 of the Fee Policy above except those fees authorized under subsection 1 (c) shall be charged only upon the following conditions:

1. Financial Hardship Waiver application shall be provided to parents upon request.
2. Applications for hardship waivers shall be kept in the strictest of confidence with all files and personal disclosures restricted from review by the general public.
3. Pupils eligible to have any such fee waived as a result of inability to pay for said fees shall not be discriminated against nor shall there be any overt identification of any pupil who has received a financial hardship waiver by use of special tokens or tickets, announcements, posting or publication of names, physical separation, choice of materials or by any other means.
4. In no case shall any of this school district's procedures expose any pupil receiving a hardship waiver to any type stigma or ridicule by other pupil or school district personnel.
5. The confidentiality provisions of this policy shall apply equally to any students who have an inability to pay any fees authorized under section c of the Fee Policy above.

In no case shall the inability to pay the assessment of fees authorized under the provisions of the Fee Policy above result in a pupil being denied or deprived of any academic awards or standards, any class selection, grade, diploma, transcript or the right to participate in any activity related to educational advancement.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative procedures consistent with this policy for its implementation and duplicate the attached form for use by applicants. The Assistant Superintendent of the Attendance Center and/or the Superintendent will evaluate the applicant with the right to appeal to the Board of Education by the applicant.

Legal Reference: Mississippi Code 37-7-335 (2007)