

## OPERATIONAL SERVICES

### **4:140 Waiver of Student Fees**

The Superintendent will recommend to the Board of Education for adoption what fees, if any, will be charged for the use of textbooks, consumable materials, extracurricular activities, and other school fees. Students will pay fines for loss of school books or other school-owned materials.

Fees for textbooks and driver education, as well as fines for the loss or damage of school property are waived for students who meet the eligibility criteria for a waiver contained in this policy. In order that no student be denied educational services or academic credit due to the inability of parents/guardians to pay fees and fines and charges, the Superintendent will recommend to the Board for adoption what additional fees and fines, if any, the District will waive for students who meet the eligibility criteria for a waiver.

#### Notification

The Superintendent shall ensure that a notice of waiver applicability is provided to parents/guardians with every bill for fees and/or fines, and that applications for waivers are widely available and distributed according to State law and Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) rule, and that provisions for assisting parents/guardians in completing the application are available.

#### Eligibility Criteria

A student shall be eligible for a fee and fine waiver when:

1. The student currently lives in a household that meets the free lunch or breakfast eligibility guidelines established by the federal government pursuant to the National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. §1758; 7 C.F.R. Part 245 et seq.; or
2. The student or student's family is currently receiving aid under Article IV of The Illinois Public Aid Code (Aid to Families with Dependent Children).
3. The student's parents/guardians are veterans or active-duty military personnel with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty line; or
4. The student is homeless, as defined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. §11434a).

The Superintendent or designee will give additional consideration when one or more of the following factors are present:

- Illness in the family;
- Unusual expenses such as fire, flood, storm damage, etc.;
- Seasonal unemployment;
- Emergency situations;
- When one or more of the parents/guardians are involved in a work stoppage.

#### Verification

The Superintendent or designee shall establish a process for determining a student's eligibility for a waiver of fees and fines in accordance with State law requirements.

If a student receiving a waiver is found to be no longer eligible during the school year, the Superintendent or designee shall notify the student's parent/guardian and charge the student a

prorated amount based upon the number of school days remaining in the school year.

### Determination and Appeal

The Superintendent or designee will notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) promptly as to whether the fee waiver request has been granted or denied. The denial of a fee waiver request may be appealed to the Superintendent by submitting the appeal in writing to the Superintendent within 14 days of the denial. The Superintendent or designee shall respond within 14 days of receipt of the appeal. The Superintendent's decision may be appealed to the Board. The decision of the Board is final and binding.

Questions regarding the fee waiver request process should be addressed to the Building Principal's office.

### LEGAL REF.:

42 U.S.C. §11434a, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.13, 5/10-22.25, 5/27-24.2, and 5/28-19.2.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.245 [may contain unenforceable provisions].

CROSS REF.: 4:130 (Free and Reduced-Price Food Services), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children)

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**LeRoy CUSD 2**

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