

School Fees

2021 February Newsletter



Spring Training:

The Spring training will be held online through Zoom. The training pertains to all Superintendents, Charter Directors, Board Chairs, Principals, School Fees Contacts, and Business Administrators. Please forward information about the training to the above-named individuals in your LEA.

Friday, March 12th, 2021 10:00 a.m. - Noon



Topics discussed will include:

- 2020 -21 Certificate of Compliance results
- Monitoring and Risk Rating
- Corrective Action Processes
- Upcoming requirements



Please register for the training by March 5th by emailing us at: schoolfees@schools.utah.gov

Upcoming:

2021 Fee Schedules

Approved Fee Schedules for the 2021-2022 school year are due **April 1st** per R277-407-6(2)(a).

Preliminary Statistical Report

Per 53G-7-503(5) statistical data that provides a breakdown of money received for curricular fees, co-curricular fees and extracurricular fees; measures the number of students who pay each fee, the number of students who receive fee waivers, and the value of each waiver for each waived fee is due **July 1st, 2021**.

A Qualtrics survey will be distributed beginning **May 15th, 2021** to collect the data.

Website Updates:

Updated Documents

- McKinney-Vento eligibility has been added to the following forms per R277-616:
 - School Fees Notices
 - School Fees Posters
 - Fee Waiver Applications (*All Forms: April 2021*)
 - Includes Income eligibility update for SY2022
 - School Fees FAQ
 - School Fees Parent FAQ (*Translations: April 2021*)

New Documents

- School Fees Revenue Codes Guidance document
- Link to the Activity Based Costing report submitted to the Education Interim Committee Nov. 2020

Documents can be viewed at:
www.schools.utah.gov/schoolfees

Training Focus:

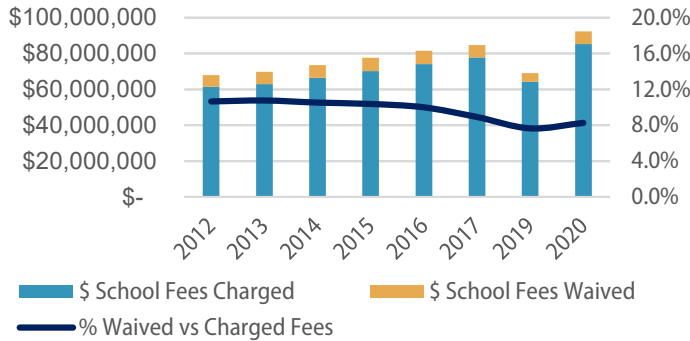
"The ongoing process of gathering, analyzing, and reflecting on evidence is necessary to make informed and consistent judgements to improve a student's full participation in public education. The requirements to report and account for student fees are not new, but new emphasis regarding activity-based costing will enable fact-based decision making by LEAs to increase student participation. The certificate of compliance requirements are measurements or evidence of the LEA/schools efforts to remove barriers for a 'student's full participation in an activity, course, or programs' (see 53G-7-501)." (*Activity-based Costing Report to the Education Interim Committee and the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee - November 2020*)



Annual Performance Metrics:*

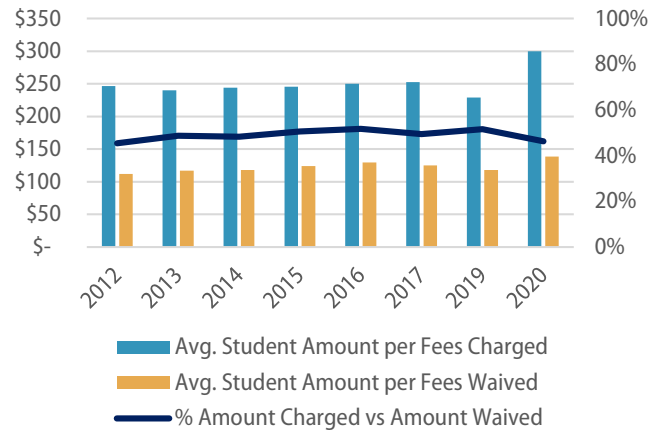
*Due to 2017 SB186, numbers for 2018 were not collected by USBE.

School Fees Amounts: Charged vs Waived



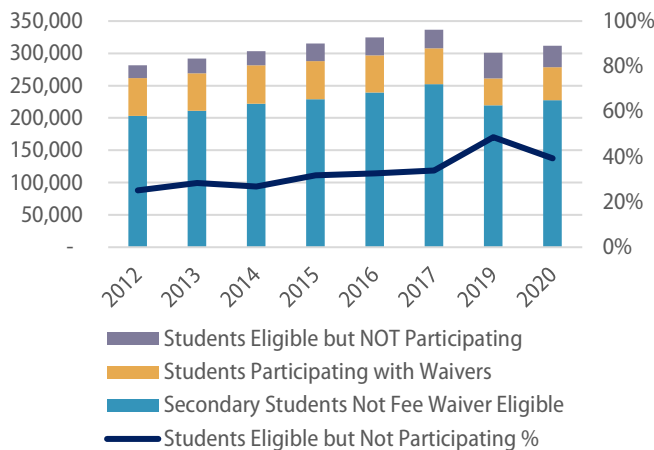
Schools are waiving between 8% - 12% of the total amount of fees charged. As fees have increased, granted fee waivers has decreased.

Average School Fees per Student Waived vs Non-Waived



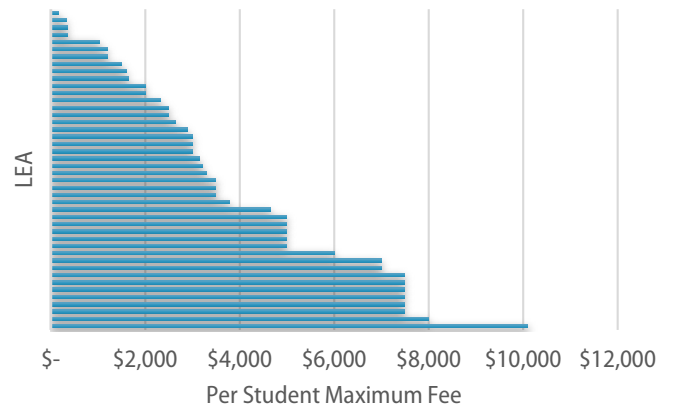
The average amount charged per student has increased since 2012 but the average amount waived has stayed constant at approximately 50%.

Secondary Students School Fees Waiver Eligible vs Waiver Participation



The number of students eligible for fee waivers but not participating has increased from 25% in 2012 to 39% in 2020.

School Fees Student Maximum Amounts by LEA SY 2021



SY 2021	Maximum	Minimum	Average	Median
	\$10,100	\$165	\$3,908	\$3,255

School Fees Team:

Analysis and monitoring of the certificate of compliance submissions is almost complete. Each LEA will receive a risk rating based on its responses and additional risk factors such as the number of compliance concerns received via the School Fees call line. LEAs with a higher risk rating will be contacted and, if necessary, receive a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). The School Fees Team will work with each LEA to ensure all concerns are addressed and full compliance is achieved. We appreciate all efforts being made by each LEA to correct any concerns.

Beginning in February 2021, we will be facilitating a School Fees Advisory Group. This group will provide feedback and recommendations regarding trainings, compliance concerns, LEA implementation practices, and school fees and fee waiver accounting. We appreciate all those willing to participate in these meetings. For further assistance or questions, please contact us at: schoolfees@schools.utah.gov or 801.538.7762

