

School Fee Waiver Application

- NO Fees may be charged for activities during the regular school day in grades K-6. Fees for activities held outside of the regular school day are subject to fee waivers.
- Fees shall be suspended while the fee waiver is under consideration and during the appeal of a denial of a fee waiver is in process.
- Upon approval, all school fees shall be waived. Parent/student cannot be required to complete service, agree to an installment payment plan, or sign an IOU in place of a waiver.
- For additional information read "School Fees Notice Grades 7-12" or "School Fee Notice Grades K-6".

Student Information:

Name of student: _____ Student #: _____
 Address: _____
 School: _____ Grade level: _____
 Name of parent: _____ Phone number: _____

Basis for Fee Waiver:

| Please check the eligibility that applies: (only 1 is needed) | Verification to submit: * |
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| 1. Family receives - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Family Employment Program (FEP), or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) | • benefit verification from the Utah Department of Workforce Services for the period for which the fee waiver is sought which may be in the form of an electronic screenshot of eligibility determination or status. |
| 2. Student receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for a qualified disability (fees waived for student with disability only) | • benefit verification documents from the Social Security Administration. |
| 3. Student qualifies for McKinney-Vento. | • verified through the district or charters McKinney-Vento Liaison. |
| 4. Student is in Foster Care (under Utah or local governmental supervision) | • the youth in care required intake form and school enrollment letter, provided by a case worker from the Utah Division of Child and Family Services or the Utah Juvenile Justice Department. |
| 5. Student is in State Custody | |
| 6. Student is eligible based on family/household income verification. Provide summary of income on page 2. | • family income verification in the form of pay stubs or tax returns. |

If none of the above apply but you wish to apply for fee waivers because of other extenuating circumstances, please state the reason(s) for the request in the box below:

Submit completed application and verification documents* to the school's Principal/School Director or School Fee Administrator .

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION AND ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION I HAVE PROVIDED IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Date: _____ Parent's Signature: _____

COMPLETE THIS PAGE ONLY IF OPTION #6 WAS SELECTED UNDER THE BASIS FOR FEE WAIVER SECTION

INCOME VERIFICATION FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS:

Household income is determined by adding all household income from all sources and then comparing it to the number of people in the household. Definition of a household: a group of related or unrelated individuals who are not residents of an institution or boarding house but who are living as one economic unit. This means they generally reside in the same house and share expenses such as rent, utilities and food.

List all **MONTHLY** income before deductions in the appropriate column(s).

| Name: First | Last | Earnings from Work (before deductions) | Pension/Retirement Social Security | Welfare, Alimony, Child Support, Other Income | Total Monthly Income Per Person |
|----------------|------|---|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 2 | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 3 | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 4 | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |

Household size:

Total Household Monthly Income: \$

EXAMPLES OF INCOME:

| Earnings from Work | Pension/Retirement, Social Security | Assistance, Alimony, Child Support | Other Income |
|--|--|---|---|
| Wages, salaries and tips, unemployment comp., workers' comp, net income from self-owned business or farm | Pensions, Social Security income, retirement payments, Social Security Income (including SSI a child receives) | SNAP, FEP, TANF payments, welfare payments, alimony, and child support payments | Disability benefits; interest & dividends; income from estates, trusts, and investments, regular contributions from persons not living in the household; net royalties and annuities; net rental income; any other income |

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

For School Year:

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

| Household Size | Yearly | Monthly | Twice Per Month | Every Two Weeks | Weekly |
|---|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | 19,578 | 1,632 | 816 | 753 | 377 |
| 2 | 26,572 | 2,215 | 1,108 | 1,022 | 511 |
| 3 | 33,566 | 2,798 | 1,399 | 1,291 | 646 |
| 4 | 40,560 | 3,380 | 1,690 | 1,560 | 780 |
| 5 | 47,554 | 3,963 | 1,982 | 1,829 | 915 |
| 6 | 54,548 | 4,546 | 2,273 | 2,098 | 1,049 |
| 7 | 61,542 | 5,129 | 2,565 | 2,367 | 1,184 |
| 8 | 68,536 | 5,712 | 2,856 | 2,636 | 1,318 |
| For each additional family member, add: | 6,994 | 583 | 292 | 269 | 135 |

Fee Waiver Decision and Appeal Form

To the parent or legal guardian of: _____

Your application for fee waiver has been:

_____ Approved - ALL fees will be waived for the _____ school year.

_____ Denied - for the following reason:

_____ Your child does not qualify under any of the eligible categories.

_____ You have not provided the documentation necessary to determine if your child qualifies for fee waivers.

_____ Other: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of school employee)

Parental Appeal Rights:

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THIS DECISION, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO APPEAL. To appeal, send a letter (or the Notice of Appeal form printed at the bottom of this page) to the principal/charter school director, explaining why you disagree with this decision. Include your name, your child's name, and the date. **YOU MUST MAIL OR HAND-DELIVER YOUR APPEAL WITHIN TEN SCHOOL DAYS OF RECEIVING THIS NOTICE.** *Keep a copy of the appeal for your records.* A school representative will contact you within two weeks after receiving your appeal and schedule a meeting to discuss your concerns. You will also be given a copy of the districts'/charter schools' Fee Waiver Appeals Policy containing a complete statement of policies and procedures for appeals.

ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF FEES WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE FINAL DECISION IS MADE REGARDING YOUR APPEAL.

Notice of Appeal:

I, _____ wish to appeal the decision regarding my application for school fee waivers for the following reasons:

My child's name is: _____

Please schedule a meeting to discuss this appeal. I understand that all fees will be suspended until a final decision has been reached, and that my child will be able to participate fully in all school activities during that time on the same basis as if the fees had been paid.

_____ Date: _____

(Signature of person submitting the appeal)

School Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Service Agreement Form

Utah law states that an LEA may allow a student to perform service in lieu of a fee “to ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to participate in a class or school-sponsored or supported activity because of an inability to pay a fee.” If offered, a student may choose to perform service in lieu of a fee but **a school district cannot require a student to perform service in lieu of a fee waiver**. If your student chooses to perform service, there are options from which to choose to complete the service. Service options may include:

- Service at the school, such as tutorial assistance to other students, or service outside of regular school hours as a student aide to school staff;
- Service in the community such as at a nursing home or hospital; or
- When special needs require, service in the home.

_____ agrees to complete _____ hours of service _____
(Student's name) (brief description)

To be completed before: _____ This will satisfy the student's fee obligation of \$ _____
(Date)

All services will be credited at the rate of \$ _____ per hour. Once completed, the student's school fees will be waived.

SIGNATURES:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

School Administrator: _____ Date: _____

The school must ensure that a service assignment is appropriate to the age of the student, physical condition of the student, and maturity of the student. The assignment must also be consistent with state and federal laws, including the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. This requires that the service must be performed 1) within a reasonable period of time, 2) each hour of service is credited at an amount at least equal to the current minimum wage, and 3) service hours worked per day and week are limited according to the student's age.

For example, if a student is assessed \$100 for school fees and the school policy is based upon a \$10 per hour service credit, then the student may be asked to perform up to 10 hours of service.

Service assignments must be conducted in such a way that students are not subjected to embarrassment, ridicule, or humiliation, and must not provide direct private benefit to school employees or their families. In addition, service assignments must avoid excessive burdens on students and families and give proper consideration to a student's educational and transportation needs and other responsibilities.

If circumstances arise which make it too difficult for a student to complete a service assignment, notify the school principal immediately to determine what adjustments should be made.

Service students will not be considered to be employees of those for whom they provide the service, and no money will be paid to the students or to the school in return for service. Regular employees who work in places where students perform services may not be replaced, nor may their hours be reduced, as a result of the students' service activities. Service is intended to supplement existing services, not replace that which is already being done by others.

Verification of Service:

Service Location: _____ Service Performed: _____

Supervisor: _____ Hours: _____

Starting Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

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Supervisor: _____ Hours: _____

Starting Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

_____ has completed all service hours as stated above, and fulfilled all agreed upon
(Student's name)

service hours to the fullest extent reasonably possible according to individual circumstances of both the student and the school.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

I have reviewed the service provided and verified with the Supervisor that all service was completed as stated above to the fullest extent reasonably possible according to individual circumstances of both the student and the school. Therefore, as agreed, all student fees have been waived.

School Administrator: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

School Fees Notice for Families of Students in Grades K-6

The Utah Constitution prohibits the charging of fees in elementary schools.

If a child is in kindergarten through grade six, they cannot be charged for textbooks, classroom equipment or supplies, musical instruments, field trips, assemblies, snacks (other than food provided through the School Lunch Program), or for anything else that takes place or is used during the regular school day.

Fees may only be charged for programs offered before or after school, or during school vacations. Fees may also be charged for a student that is in grade six and attends a school that includes one or more 7-12 grades, if the school follows a secondary model of delivering education to the school's grade six students.

Utah law requires schools that charge fees, to ensure that a fee waiver or other provisions in lieu of a fee waiver is available to any student whose parents are unable to pay a fee.

Fee Waivers

A fee waiver is a full release from the requirement to pay a fee. If a student is eligible for fee waivers, **all fees must be waived**. If it is not specifically addressed in state law, a school must waive all fees, including any where a student's participation is optional. This means that those students who are eligible for a fee waiver can participate in any school class or activity free of charge.

A student is eligible for a waiver if:

- their family receives TANF funding or SNAP (food stamps or state Family Employment Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program);
- the student receives SSI (Supplemental Security Income);
- the student is designated McKinney-Vento;
- the student is in foster care;
- the student is in state custody; or
- the student is eligible based on family/household income (the levels match those of free lunch eligibility).

** A student may also be eligible for fee waivers if they do not meet any of these standards but are still unable to pay a fee. Please see the local school or district policy for more information.*

If a student wishes to apply for fee waivers, they will be asked to provide documentation of fee waiver eligibility as part of the application process.

To apply for a fee waiver, a student may submit the "Fee Waiver Application (Grades K-6)". A copy of the application is included with this notice and additional copies may be obtained from the school office, or the state school fees website listed at the end of this document. Once the documents have been submitted to the school, the fee requirement will be suspended until a final decision has been reached about the student's eligibility for fee waivers.

If the application is denied, the school will send a "Decision and Appeal Form". The Form will explain why the application was denied and how to appeal the decision. Remember to always keep a copy. If an appeal for a denial of fee waivers is submitted, all fees will not need to be paid until the appeal is decided.

If a student wishes to purchase school pictures, yearbooks, or similar items through the school, those costs are not fees and will not be waived. Also, if a student loses or damages school property, the costs of replacement or repair are not fees and need not be waived.

Donations, Confidentiality, and Enforcement of Fees

School funds are limited, and a school may need help in addition to fees. As a result, the school may ask for tax-deductible donations of school supplies, equipment, or money, but the school cannot require donations.

A student's name is confidential and cannot be disclosed to anyone lacking both a right and a need to know the information, regardless of whether a student has paid fees, donations, and contributions or not, or has applied for, received, or been denied waivers. The school may, however, with the consent of the donor, give appropriate recognition to any person or organization making a major donation or contribution to the school.

The school and school staff cannot withhold, reduce, or enhance grades or credit, or withhold grades, class schedules, credit, report cards, transcripts, or diplomas to enforce the payment of fees.

For further information, contact:

Local school:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

District/Charter School Fees Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

School Fees Notice for Families of Students in Grades 7-12

Utah law permits schools to charge fees in grades seven through twelve.

A student may be charged fees for participation in school classes, activities and programs. A student cannot be requested or required to pay any fee unless that request or requirement has been approved by the local Board of Education and included in the school or district fee schedule.

Utah law requires schools that charge fees to ensure that a fee waiver or other provisions in lieu of a fee waiver is available to any student whose families are unable to pay a fee.

Fee Definition

A fee is defined as something of monetary value that is requested or required by a school for a student to be able to participate in an activity, class, or program that is provided, sponsored, or supported by a school, charter school, or district. This request or requirement can also be implied. Meaning that if something is not required for participation, but there is still an expectation for the student to have that item, it becomes a school fee. Below are some examples of fees:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Registration fees• Truancy fines• Participation fees | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Costs of class or team trips (including room, board, and meals)• Entrance fees for school concerts or games• Football summer clinic costs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After-school program fees• Instrument rentals |
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Charges for class rings, yearbooks, school pictures, letter jackets, and similar items are not fees and need not be waived. Also, if a student loses or damages school property, the costs of replacement or repair are not fees and need not be waived.

Students may be required to pay fees for concurrent enrollment courses or advanced placement exams. The portion of the fees related specifically to college or post-secondary grades or credit is not subject to fee waiver. However, the College Board offers a reduction in these costs for those who are eligible.

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