



# ***EAST OTERO SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1***

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Hello Tiger Fans,

This morning it was communicated that admission would be charged for La Junta Students. After consulting with the HS Administration, I felt that we needed to better explain our intent and also better address what it is we hope to improve. We would like to express our need for support with students, mainly elementary age, who come to school events to “play” with friends and often have no interest in the event itself. There are some times in these cases where safety or discipline issues arise and a child may not have an adult there for them. After checking with some other schools, a solution that was approached was to charge admission to those students.

The last thing we want to do is lose the support of what I believe to be the most supportive community in the state. In fairness to parents, I think we need to share what it is we need and not punish the entire group for the actions in a few isolated instances. That being said, we are going to continue to allow ***ALL La Junta Junior Senior High School students free to all activities. Elementary, grades K-6 admission will be FREE as long as they are accompanied by a parent or consenting adult. Elementary students who are not accompanied by a parent or consenting adult will be charged \$2 for a HS event and \$1 for a junior high event.***

We want to thank everyone for the past and continued support and we wish to continue and further build upon our already positive extra-curricular culture. We apologize for any misconception that may have come from the earlier notification of admission costs. We also realize that admission costs can be very costly and we want to do whatever we can to give everyone the best opportunity possible to attend.

Respectfully,

Rick Lovato