

**Elementary School District 159
Student Fee Schedule
2018-19**

Student Fees	Early Childhood thru Grade 5	Middle School
Student Registration Strong Beginnings	\$125.00	
Student Registration Fee K-5	\$125.00	
Student Registration Fee 6-8		\$165.00

A LATE REGISTRATION FEE ASSESSMENT of \$20.00 for all enrollments that take place after the regularly scheduled registration process in July 2018 will be in effect for the coming school year. The Late Registration Fee Assessment would only be applied to those individuals who should have enrolled during this time (i.e. returning students). This late assessment fee will not apply to individuals who have recently moved to the school community and are first time enrollees including those being enrolled in kindergarten and preschool programs.

The Student Fee Schedule for 2018-19 listed must be paid in full at time of student registration. The additional graduation fee for grade 8 students at Colin Powell Middle School will be collected in winter 2018 at the school. Additional information and notification for the CPMS graduation will be provided to parents/guardians in a timely manner.

Please note that there is no fee for the Preschool for All program as it is funded primarily by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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The following Q&A document is presented to help answer questions you may have regarding the implementation of the new District-wide student fee schedule.

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General Student Fee: Questions and Answers

1. ***What legal authority does the Board of Education have to impose fees?***
The Illinois School Code gives local Boards of Education wide powers to operate public schools (105 ILCS 5/10-20 and 105 ILCS 5/10-20.3). One of the powers of the school board is to establish general, as well as specific fees. School Board Policy 4:140 addresses the responsibility of School Boards to establish student fees as deemed necessary.
2. ***Why did the Board decide to establish a “General Student Fee”?***
For several years the Board managed its operating budget by cutting costs and searching for stable sources of additional revenue. Registration fees continue to be implemented in an attempt to reduce overall operating costs to the district while maintaining instructional and enrichment activities for all our students.
3. ***When did the school district adopt the new student fee schedule?***
The concept of establishing general student and specific activity fees was adopted by the Board at the May 2006 Board meeting and has continued annually reviewed and approved on recommendations by District Office Administration.
4. ***Does a school board have authority to waive fees?***
The Illinois School Code requires school boards to adopt written policies and establish procedures to administer waiving of school fees (105 ILCS 5/2-3.96 and 105 ILCS 5/10-20.13).
5. ***How much money did the District expect to generate from the fees?***
The fees generate revenue which will be used toward general instructional expenditures that include, but are not limited to textbooks, technology and other identified curricular needs.
6. ***How are the fee rates determined?***
Student fee schedules from surrounding community school districts were reviewed in an attempt to get an average fee for each designated area.
7. ***What if my family can't afford this fee?***
General Registration/Instructional Fees are waived for families who are eligible for free and/or reduced lunch. Appropriate documentation must be submitted at time of registration to allow for this process. Guidelines for such waiver of fees are established by the federal government.
8. ***When are the student fees to be paid?***
All student fees must be paid in full at time of student registration. Failure to pay basic registration fees may delay the result in a delayed enrollment process.