

Northeastern Local School District  
Bylaws & Policies

**2431.02 - INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION FEES**

**Purpose Statement:**

The Northeastern Local Board of Education believes that the mission, vision, goals, and objectives of this District are best achieved by offering a diversity of learning experiences to all students. To this extent, the Board recognizes the important role in which interscholastic sports, co curricular and extra curricular activities play in providing further opportunities to develop student understanding, attitudes, standards, and values as an integral part of a quality education.

However, the Board also recognizes its duty to the public in which it serves to function as an effective steward of public funds. Given the associated costs of interscholastic sports, co curricular and extra curricular activities including personnel, transportation, and the like, the district must prioritize its mission and responsibility to provide quality educational programs above all else.

Therefore, this policy shall serve as a method to offset the general fund cost of district interscholastic sports, co curricular and extra curricular programs, through the collection of participation fees.

**Participation Fees**

The costs shall be as follows:

High School:

*Interscholastic Sports	\$75 per season
Marching Band	\$45 per season
Cheerleading	\$45 per season

Middle School:

*Interscholastic Sports	\$45 per season
*Cheerleading	\$25 per season

\* Participation fees include costs of mandatory athletic drug testing as outlined in District Policy 2431.01 – Random Urine Drug Testing for Students Participating in Interscholastic Sports.

**Guidelines and Procedures**

1. Individual Limit: No middle school student shall pay more than \$90 and no high school student more than \$150 in combined participation fees for the academic year.
2. Household Limit: Each household shall not pay more than \$300 in combined participation fees for the academic year.
3. Parents and students are advised that payment of participation fees does not automatically ensure playing/participation time.
4. All student fees including but not limited to participation fees must be paid in full prior to the first regular season contest/event of a particular activity.
5. If a student suffers a season ending injury prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> contest, the student will be entitled to a refund of the participation fee.

6. There will be no refund if a student is dismissed or voluntarily quits a sport or activity.
7. In addition to the participation fees noted in this policy, there may be additional costs within any interscholastic sport or activity for "accessories" or other ancillary items. These items include, but are not limited to, team shirts, travelling suits, hats, shoes, etc. These costs will remain the responsibility of the student/parent.
8. The Board of Education reserves the right to cancel any interscholastic sport, co curricular, or extra curricular activity due to low participation. If a sport or activity is cancelled by the Board, all collected fees will be refunded.