

# Dickson County Board of Education

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## FEES

School fees are defined as follows:

1. Fees for activities that occur during regular school hours, including field trips;
2. Fees for activities and supplies required to participate in all courses required for graduation.
3. Equipment and supplies required to participate in interscholastic athletics and marching band if taken for credit;
4. Fees or tuition for courses taken for credit during summer school;
5. Fees required for graduation ceremonies;
6. Fees for a copy of the student's records; and
7. Refundable deposits for locks or other security devices required for protection of school property when used in conjunction with courses required for graduation.

School fees are not:

1. Fines for overdue library books;
2. Fines for the abuse of school parking privileges and other school rules developed for the safe and efficient operation of the school;
3. Charges for lost, damaged, or destroyed textbooks, library books, workbooks, or other school property;
4. Charges for debts owed the school;
5. Refundable deposits for locks or other security devices required for protection of school property when used in not-for-credit extracurricular activities; including athletics;
6. Tuition for non-resident students; and
7. Costs to participate in non-required extracurricular activities, including athletics.

No fee will be charged any student as a condition to attending school, but students shall be responsible for normal school supplies, such as pencils and paper.

School fees shall be waived for students who receive free or reduced-price lunches. The applications for determining eligibility for free or reduced-price lunches or a form supplied by the State Department of Education shall be used to verify student eligibility for fee waivers.

Written notice of approval or denial of request for fee waivers shall be provided to all parents/guardians. Any denial shall contain specific grounds for denial and an opportunity for the parent/guardian to meet with appropriate school personnel.

Persons collecting fees shall be provided a list containing only the names of those students eligible for waivers and for whom they are responsible for collecting fees. Any records related to this program which identify particular students shall be maintained in strictest confidence.

At the beginning of the school year, each principal shall be responsible for providing to all students and their parents/guardians written notice of the required student fees and the process for fee waiver for students who received free or reduced-price lunches. The parent/guardian of an eligible student must sign the appropriate application for free or reduced-price lunches and the waiver of school fees, but may pay for all or a portion of the school fees.

1 No employee may charge a student for any service rendered on the school premises without Director/Designee  
2 permission. Tutoring one's own student for pay is prohibited without special permission from the Director/Designee.

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4 **FINES**

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6 Students who destroy, damage, or lose school property, including but not limited to buildings, school buses, books,  
7 equipment, and records, will be responsible for the actual cost of replacing or repairing such materials or equipment.  
8 (TCA 49-2-114)

9 The grades, grade cards, diploma or transcript of a student who is responsible for vandalism or theft or who has  
10 otherwise incurred a debt to a school may be held until the student has paid for the damage/loss. When the stu- dent  
11 and parent are unable to pay the debt, the district shall provide a program of voluntary work for the minor. Upon  
12 completion of the work, the student's grades, diploma, and/or transcripts shall be released. Such sanctions may be  
13 waived if the student is not at fault.

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15 Failure to remit the cost of replacing or repairing such materials or to make satisfactory arrangements with the  
16 administration for payment may result in suspension of the student. If payment is not remitted, the matter will be  
17 referred to the Director for final disposition.

18 Textbooks are available free to students as a loan. Parents will accept full responsibility for the proper care, preser-  
19 vation, return, or replacement of textbooks issued to the students. Fines for lost, damaged, or destroyed books will  
20 be at full replacement cost.

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22 Fines may be assessed for overdue, damaged, or lost library books. In no event will the fine exceed the current cost  
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