

WAIVER OF SCHOOL FEES

The Township High School District 214 Board of Education will waive all school fees if the parent(s)/guardian(s) income is below the federal income guidelines as determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (see Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines).

Fees will also be waived if the family experiences a very significant loss of income because of severe illness or injury in the family. **Fee waivers will be considered only if written evidence is presented by the person applying for the waiver.**

“School fees” refers to any monetary charge collected by the school or district from a student or the parent(s)/guardian(s) as a prerequisite for the student’s participation in any curricular or co-curricular program of the school or district during the school year. A school does not impose a “fee” when it requires that students provide their own ordinary supplies or materials (e.g., pencil, paper, notebooks) that are necessary to participate in any curricular or co-curricular program.

“School fees” include: All charges for required textbooks and instructional materials; all charges and deposits collected by a school for use of school property (e.g., locks, towels, laboratory equipment); charges for field trips made during school hours, or made after school hours if the field trip is a required or customary part of a class or co-curricular activity (e.g., annually scheduled trips to museums, concerts, places of business and industry or field trips related to instruction in social studies, the fine arts, career/vocational education or the sciences); charges or deposits for uniforms or equipment related to varsity and intramural sports or to fine arts programs; charges for supplies required for a particular class (e.g., shop or home economics materials, laboratory or art supplies); graduation fees (e.g., caps, gowns); school records fees; school health services fees; and driver education fees assessed pursuant to Section 27-24.2 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/27- 24.2). District 214 school fees also include a technology device and device insurance cost.

“School fees” do not include: charges for the loss, misuse, or destruction of school property (e.g., musical instruments, library books, etc.); charges for the purchase of class rings, yearbooks, pictures, diploma covers, or similar items; charges for optional travel undertaken by a school club or group of students outside of school hours (e.g., a trip to Spain by the Spanish Club or a senior class trip); charges for admission to school dances, athletic events, or other social events; optional community service programs for which fees are charged (e.g., preschool, before and after school childcare, recreational programs).

For more information, reference Board policy 4:140 - Waiver of Student Fees.