

2017-18 MHSAA Participation Fee Survey – Senior High Results

(Final – 602 Responses – 80% Response Rate)

Note: For the purposes of this survey, a participation fee is anything more than \$20 regardless of the title your school has given the fee (i.e., Registration Fee, Insurance Fee, Transportation Fee, Trainers Fee, etc.). If a student-athlete's participation on a team is contingent on paying any kind of fee, please provide the details requested below.

We are assessing a fee in 2017-18 – 295 (49%)

Breakdown by Class – A 99 (65%); B 69 (47%); C 71 (46%); D 56 (37%)

We ARE NOT assessing a fee in 2017-18 – 307 (51%)

PART ONE – To be filled out only by schools ASSESSING Participation Fees

1. Fees are also being assessed for other, non-athletic, extracurricular activities. 101 (34%) - Yes 192 (65%) - No
2. We are going to evaluate the implementation of fees on an annual basis. 213 (72%) – Yes 79 (27%) - No
3. We are calling our fee: Participation Fee 234 (80%); Registration Fee 16 (5%); Insurance Fee 6 (2%); Transportation Fee 7 (2%); Other 28 (10%)
4. This is the FIRST time we have EVER had a Participation Fee. 3 (1%) – Yes 291 (99%) – No
5. Our school also had a Participation Fee in the 2016-17 school year. 245 (83%) – Yes 31 (11%) – No
6. Have you seen a drop in participation because of Participation Fees? 24 (8%) – Yes 267 (91%) - No
7. Have students transferred out of your school because of Participation Fees? 4 (1%) – Yes 285 (97%) – No
8. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a student-athlete for the school year? 159 (54%) – Yes 123 (42%) – No
9. Annual maximum fee per student breakdown:
Low - \$25 High - \$880 Median - \$150
Listing by fee: \$25 – 2; \$40 – 1; \$50 – 5; \$60 – 3; \$75 – 12; \$80 – 2; \$100 – 23; \$105 – 2; \$110 – 1; \$120 – 6; \$125 – 4; \$130 – 4; \$135 – 1; \$140 – 1; \$150 – 16; \$160 – 1; \$165 – 1; \$170 – 1; \$175 – 5; \$188 – 1; \$200 – 17; \$220 – 1; \$225 – 2; \$240 – 1; \$250 – 7; \$260 – 1; \$265 – 1; \$270 – 2; \$275 – 3; \$300 – 9; \$325 – 1; \$350 – 2; \$360 – 1; \$375 – 2; \$385 – 3; \$390 – 1; \$400 – 2; \$410 – 2; \$425 – 1; \$500 – 2; \$525 – 1; \$880 – 1.
10. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a family for the school year? 145 (49%) – Yes 145 (49%) – No
11. Annual maximum fee per family breakdown:
Low - \$50 High - \$880 Median - \$300
Listing by fee: \$50 – 2; \$75 – 2; \$100 – 4; \$125 – 1; \$150 – 5; \$165 – 1; \$175 – 2; \$180 – 2; \$200 – 15; \$210 – 1; \$225 – 1; \$240 – 3; \$250 – 8; \$260 – 1; \$270 – 1; \$275 – 2; \$280 – 1; \$285 – 1; \$300 – 22; \$320 – 1; \$330 – 2; \$340 – 1; \$350 – 1; \$360 – 3; \$375 – 1; \$390 – 1; \$400 – 11; \$450 – 2; \$500 – 11; \$525 – 1; \$560 – 2; \$575 – 1; \$600 – 1; \$630 – 1; \$650 – 1; \$700 – 5; \$720 – 2; \$750 – 3; \$770 – 2; \$780 – 1; \$800 – 1; \$880 – 1.
12. Our Participation Fee is:
 - a. A standardized one-time fee per student-athlete for the entire year 82 (28%)
 - b. A standardized fee per team, regardless of how many sports a student-athlete plays 127 (43%)
 - c. Tiered, based on the number of sports a student-athlete plays 43 (15%)
 - d. Varies by sport 14 (5%)
 - e. Other 25 (8%)
13. One-time fee per student breakdown:
Minimum - \$25 Maximum - \$385 Median - \$125
Listing by fee: \$25 – 3; \$30 – 1; \$50 – 4; \$60 – 1; \$75 – 7; \$80 – 1; \$85 – 1; \$100 – 15; \$120 – 3; \$125 – 4; \$130 – 2; \$140 – 1; \$150 – 9; \$165 – 1; \$170 – 1; \$175 – 3; \$180 – 1; \$200 – 3; \$210 – 1; \$220 – 1; \$250 – 3; \$265 – 1; \$275 – 1; \$300 – 1; \$325 – 1; \$350 – 6; \$385 – 3.
14. Fee per team student breakdown:
Minimum - \$20 Maximum - \$325 Median - \$75
Listing by fee: \$20 – 1; \$25 – 4; \$30 – 3; \$35 – 4; \$40 – 5; \$45 – 3; \$50 – 19; \$60 – 5; \$65 – 5; \$70 – 3; \$75 – 17; \$80 – 3; \$85 – 3; \$90 – 3; \$95 – 1; \$100 – 16; \$120 – 1; \$125 – 3; \$130 – 1; \$140 – 2; \$150 – 11; \$155 – 1; \$175 – 4; \$195 – 2; \$200 – 3; \$210 – 1; \$220 – 2; \$250 – 1, \$325 – 1.
15. Does your school offer a reduced fee or fee waiver provision based on income criteria? 192 (65%) – Yes 101 (34%) – No
16. Do student-athletes receive any additional benefits related to their fee payment? 27 (9%) – Yes 266 (90%) – No

PART TWO – To be filled out only by schools NOT ASSESSING Participation Fees

1. Our school has assessed Participation Fees in the past. 44 (14%) – Yes 262 (85%) – No
2. We have had students transfer into our district because we are not assessing a fee. 10 (3%) – Yes 296 (96%) – No
3. The possibility of fees for 2018-19 is still being considered. 13 (4%) – Yes 293 (95%) - No