

Hardeman County Board of Education

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FEES:

Schools fees are defined as follows:¹

1. Fees for activities that occur during regular school hours, including field trips, any portion of which fall within the school day;
2. Fees for activities and supplies required to participate in all courses offered for credit or grade, including interscholastic athletics and marching band if taken for credit in accordance with local board policies;
3. Fee or tuition applicable to courses taken for credit or grade during the summer by a student; except that non-resident students regularly enrolled in another school system may be required to pay fees or tuition for summer courses;
4. Fees required for graduation ceremonies;
5. Fees for a copy of the student's record; and
6. Refundable security deposits collected by a school for use of school property for courses offered for credit or grade, including interscholastic athletics and marching band if taken for credit in accordance with local board policies.

School fees are not:²

1. Fines imposed on all students for late-returned library books; parking or other traffic fines imposed for abuse of parking privileges on school property; or reasonable charges for lost or destroyed textbooks, library books, workbooks, or any other property of the school;
2. Debts incurred pursuant to Rule 0520-01-03-.03(13), Withholding of Student Grades for Debts Owed to the School;
3. Refundable security deposits collected by a school for use of school property for participation in extracurricular activities;
4. Costs for extracurricular activities occurring outside the regular school day including sports, optional trips, clubs or social events; and
5. Non-resident tuition charged of all students attending a school system other than the one serving their place of residence.

No fee will be charged any student as a condition to attending school,³ but students shall be responsible for normal school supplies, such as pencils and paper.

School fees shall not be requested for students who receive free or reduced-price school lunches. At the beginning of the school year, each principal shall be responsible for providing to all students and their parents or guardians, written notice of the student fees.

Prior to the beginning of the school year, the Board, upon the recommendation of the principals and director of schools, shall approve all student fees for the upcoming school year. Additional fees may be approved

1 during the year as needed. The director of schools shall be responsible for maintaining copies of all cor-
2 respondence relating to this program.

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4 No employee may charge a student for any service rendered on the school premises. Tutoring one’s own
5 student for pay is prohibited.

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9 Students who destroy, damage, or lose school property, including but not limited to buildings, school bus-
10 ses, books, equipment, and records, will be responsible for the actual cost of replacing or repairing such
11 materials or equipment.⁴

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13 The grades, grade cards, diploma, or transcript of a student who is responsible for vandalism or theft or who
14 has otherwise incurred a debt to a school may be held until the student or the student’s parent/guardian has
15 paid for the damages. When the student and parent are unable to pay the debt, the district shall provide a
16 program of voluntary work for the minor. Upon completion of the work, the student’s grades, diploma,
17 and/or transcripts shall be released. Such sanctions shall not be imposed if the student is not at fault.⁵

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

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23 Textbooks are available free to students as a loan. Parent(s) will accept full responsibility for the proper
24 care, preservation, return, or replacement of textbooks issued to student(s). The condition of the book and
25 a book number shall be recorded by the teacher issuing it.

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27 The life of a book is considered to be six(6) years. Charges for lost books will be the remaining life of
28 the book. Damage fines will be based on the wear beyond that normally expected for one year. For one
29 year’s wear, there will be no charge.

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31 Fines may be assessed for overdue, damaged, or lost library books. In no event will the fine exceed the
32 current cost of replacing the book.

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42 Legal References:
43 1. TCA 49-2-114; TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03 (13)(c)
44 2. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03 (13) (d)
45 3. TCA 49-6-3001 (A); TCA 49-2-110 (c)
46 4. TCA 37-10-101 through TCA 37-10-102
47 5. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.03 (14)(b)

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Cross References:
Revenues 2.400
Textbook Selection, Distribution & Care 4.401
Care of School Property 6.311