



GROSSE ILE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

ACTIVITY FEE FAQs

Grosse Ile Township Schools, like all districts in Michigan, has faced difficult financial times for what is now over 15 years. The Activity fee is one of the many changes put in place to assist with limiting athletic program reductions.

WHERE DO GATE AND ACTIVITY FEES GO?

100% of both gate receipts and activity fees are used to cover a portion of the athletic expenditures district wide. Activity fees and gate revenue cover approximately 30% of the total athletic budget. Costs included in the athletic fund include items such as coach salaries and benefits, fees for officials, field maintenance, equipment, etc. All remaining athletic expenditures, those not covered by the revenue generated from these fees, are covered by the District General Fund. The District General Fund is the same and only fund that covers all instructional expenditures.

HOW ARE ACTIVITY FEES SPREAD TO EACH SPORT?

Activity fees are not spread to individual sports. All revenues raised, both from activity fees as well as gate receipts, go toward the total cost of athletic programs for the District. The fees are intended to limit athletic program reductions throughout the district.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO RUN A SPORT?

There are several direct and indirect costs that are associated with running a sport. Examples of direct cost would be coach's salaries, officials, and state and league tournament fees.

There are also several indirect costs that are part of providing athletic programs. Although they are not as easily attributed to a given sport, they are necessary and unavoidable. Examples include:

- Athletic Trainer
- Field Maintenance
- Medical supplies
- Fertilization
- Field paint
- Equipment maintenance and repair
- Central office expenses
- Insurance
- Game support
- Miscellaneous supplies and materials

WHY DO WE CHARGE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS?

The last 15 years have been challenging financial times for school districts in Michigan. A small part of our budget plan included the implementation of middle school entrance fees. To date this fee has provided needed funds for equipment at the middle school and continues to support our various athletic programs.

WHAT IS A CLUB SPORT?

A club sport is a sport that is not sanctioned by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) but is still offered by our district. These sports are entirely self-funded and do not receive financial support from the district. After three years, a club sport can petition to be named a varsity sport but will continue to operate on a self-funded basis (examples: Hockey, Sailing, Equestrian, Lacrosse, Figure Skating).

WHAT IS A VARSITY SPORT?

A varsity sport is a Grosse Ile High School and MHSAA approved athletic program operated under the supervision of the District Athletic Director.

WHY DO SOME SPORTS LIKE FOOTBALL HAVE SO MANY COACHES AND OTHER SPORTS ONLY HAVE ONE?

Many of the coaches that you may see coaching student athletes are volunteers or coaches that are paid via fundraising (i.e. Grosse Ile Gridiron Club for football). There are three types of coaches:

- District Paid Coaches – these are coaches that are on staff with Grosse Ile Township Schools.
- EduStaff Paid Coaches—These are coaches who are not on staff with Grosse Ile Township Schools. These coaches are employed and paid by Edustaff.
- Fundraised Coaches—These are coaches that are paid for with fundraising funds for that sport (i.e. Grosse Ile Gridiron Club). The district does not fund their salary.
- Volunteer Coaches—These are coaches that volunteer their time to the sport and do not receive any monetary compensation.

WHAT IS A SELF FUNDED SPORT?

Self-funded sports are those sports that are 100% self-sufficient. They do not rely on any funds from the district and fund all of their expenses. Grosse Ile Township Schools self-funded sports include: Equestrian, Sailing, Hockey, Lacrosse, Figure Skating, and Clay Target.

WHY ARE SPORTS LIKE LACROSSE, HOCKEY, SAILING, EQUESTRIAN, AND CLAY TARGET SELF-FUNDED?

The district was not able to financially support the addition of these sports. Instead of denying the students a chance to participate in a variety of sports, the district provided the opportunity for these sports to be added, with the stipulation that they would be 100% self-funded. The Grosse Ile Township Schools Board of Education approved the addition of these sports with the understanding that the district would not take on any additional costs. The district allows self-funded sports to utilize our facilities free of charge and provides athletic department support staff. In addition, these self-funded sports receive varsity letters, certificates, and end of season awards from the Athletic Booster Club.

WHY DO WE CHARGE A PARTICIPATION FEES WHEN OTHER DISTRICTS DO NOT?

Grosse Ile Township Schools, along with most school districts in Michigan, has made significant cost reductions as a result of a reduction in per-pupil funding from the state and decreased enrollment., both contributing to reduced resources. As the same time, operational costs including utilities and insurance continue to rise at a

rate much faster than incoming revenue. Rather than cut our athletic programs, the district implemented activity fees several years ago.

WHAT SUPPORT DOES THE GROSSE ILE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS PROVIDE TO THE DISTRICT?

The Grosse Ile Athletic Boosters very generously provide new uniforms for ALL varsity teams every four years. The GIAB provide all the varsity letters, certificates, and athletic awards presented to the students three times each year. Four scholarships are awarded by the GIAB each year to deserving senior student-athletes. In addition, the GIAB provides additional needed equipment and support to the Athletic Department.

ATHLETIC FUND DETAIL BUDGET PROJECTION FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

| 6/22/2021 | ACTUAL 2018-2019 | ACTUAL 2019-2020 | FINAL AMENDED BUDGET 2020-2021 (6/22/21) | PROJECTED BUDGET 2021-2022 (6/22/21) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| REVENUE | | | | |
| Gate Receipts and Tickets | \$ 44,595 | \$ 30,977 | \$ 16,100 | \$ 11,500 |
| Donations | \$ 46,950 | \$ 18,640 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Uniform Fees | \$ 6,552 | \$ 3,565 | \$ 2,000 | \$ 3,500 |
| Activity Fees | \$ 108,335 | \$ 68,225 | \$ 72,000 | \$ 101,000 |
| Admin Fees | \$ 6,500 | \$ 1,875 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 |
| Entry fees | \$ 17,324 | \$ 10,395 | \$ 6,300 | \$ 14,500 |
| Advertising | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Transportation Fees | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Total Revenue | \$ 230,256 | \$ 133,677 | \$ 124,900 | \$ 159,000 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Salaries & Benefits: | | | | |
| High School Coaches | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 42,331 | \$ 43,870 | \$ 44,000 | \$ 45,500 |
| Retirement | \$ 16,321 | \$ 17,470 | \$ 19,900 | \$ 19,900 |
| FICA | \$ 3,076 | \$ 3,219 | \$ 3,500 | \$ 3,500 |
| Middle School Coaches | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 27,553 | \$ 21,119 | \$ 18,600 | \$ 17,100 |
| Retirement | \$ 10,532 | \$ 8,262 | \$ 8,900 | \$ 8,900 |
| FICA | \$ 1,970 | \$ 1,544 | \$ 1,300 | \$ 1,300 |
| Athletic Director | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 68,777 | \$ 71,277 | \$ 78,800 | \$ 73,800 |
| Retirement | \$ 26,403 | \$ 28,157 | \$ 33,112 | \$ 32,100 |
| FICA | \$ 5,104 | \$ 4,935 | \$ 5,883 | \$ 5,500 |
| Other Benefits | \$ 18,933 | \$ 17,376 | \$ 21,350 | \$ 21,550 |
| Athletic Secretary | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 39,516 | \$ 40,376 | \$ 39,950 | \$ 39,950 |
| Retirement | \$ 15,526 | \$ 15,990 | \$ 17,100 | \$ 17,300 |
| FICA | \$ 2,724 | \$ 3,195 | \$ 3,100 | \$ 3,100 |
| Other Benefits | \$ 4,330 | \$ 5,887 | \$ 6,250 | \$ 6,250 |
| Contracted Coaching Services-HS | \$ 99,582 | \$ 99,699 | \$ 95,000 | \$ 95,000 |
| Contracted Coaching Services-MS | \$ 8,823 | \$ 20,205 | \$ 19,000 | \$ 19,000 |
| Athletic Trainer | \$ 26,461 | \$ 32,727 | \$ 40,000 | \$ 44,000 |
| Officials/H.S. | \$ 26,575 | \$ 18,550 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Officials/M.S. | \$ 3,355 | \$ 3,588 | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000 |
| Game Workers/H.S. | \$ 4,156 | \$ 2,410 | \$ 3,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| Game Workers/M.S. | \$ 760 | \$ 500 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 1,500 |
| Corona Virus Supplies | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 7,000 | \$ - |
| Total Salaries & Benefits | \$ 452,808 | \$ 460,356 | \$ 496,245 | \$ 487,250 |