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VALENTINE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
STUDENT FEES 2019-2020

The school district shall provide free instruction in accordance with the Nebraska State Constitution and the Nebraska statutes. The district also provides activities, programs, and services that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the district is permitted to charge students fees for these activities or to require students to provide specialized equipment and attire for certain purposes. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or board regulations. Students are encouraged to contact their building administration, their teachers or their coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

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A. Definitions:

1. "Students" means students, their parents, guardians or other legal representatives.
2. "Extracurricular activities" means student activities or organizations that (1) are supervised or administered by the district; (2) do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades; and (3) are not otherwise required by the district.
3. "Post-secondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a post-secondary educational institution.

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B. Listing of Fees Charged by this District

1. Guidelines for Clothing Required for Specified Courses and Activities.

Students are responsible for complying with the district's grooming and attire guidelines and for furnishing all clothing required for any special programs, courses, or activities in which they participate. The teacher, coach, or sponsor of the activity will provide students with written guidelines that detail any special clothing requirements and explain why the special clothing is required for the specific program, course, or activity.

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2. Safety Equipment and Attire

The district will provide students with all safety equipment and attire that is required by law. Building administrators will assure that (a) such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings (b) teachers are directed to instruct students in the use of such devices, and (c) students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for using the devices safely and as instructed.

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3. Personal or Consumable Items

The district will provide students with personal or consumable items for participation in courses and activities including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, and notebooks. Students who wish to supply their own personal or consumable items may do so, as long as those items comply with the requirements of the district. The district will provide students with facilities, equipment, materials, and supplies, including books. Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of such property. Students will be charged for damage to school property caused by students and will be held responsible for the reasonable replacement cost of any school property that they lose, damage, or destroy.

4. Materials Required for Course Projects

The district will provide students with the materials necessary to complete all curricular projects. In courses where students produce a project that requires materials beyond the basic materials provided by the district, the students will furnish the materials, purchase the materials from the school, or purchase the materials from an outside vendor with an order form provided by the school.

5. Technological Devices

The district will provide students with the technological devices necessary to complete all basic curricular projects. As with all school property, students may be charged for damage to such devices.

- Students in grades 6-12 will be assessed a \$20 fee per year per Chromebook to offset warranty costs.
- Charges are as follow for damage or necessary repairs to student issued Chromebooks:
 - Lost or damaged beyond repair: \$300
 - Cracked or damaged screen: \$200
 - Lost or damaged charger: \$30
 - Lost or damaged case: \$30
- Other damages such as but not limited to broken hinges, missing keys, cracks in housing, etc. will be assessed on a case by case basis.
- No fees will be charged to students K-5 for one to one device usage.
- Students at any grade level, using school owned devices not listed here specifically, may be charged actual cost of repair or replacement for damage to the specific device.

93 **6. Extracurricular Activities**

94 The district may charge students a fee to participate in
95 extracurricular activities to cover the district's reasonable costs in
96 offering such activities. The District may require students to furnish
97 specialized equipment and clothing that is required for participation
98 in extracurricular activities, or may charge a reasonable fee for the
99 use of district-owned equipment or attire. The coach or sponsor will
100 provide a list of the fees charged. The guidelines will explain the
101 reasons that fees, equipment and/or clothing are required for
102 participation for the activity.

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104 The following list details the maximum dollar amount of all
105 extracurricular activities fees and specifications for any equipment
106 or attire required for participation in extracurricular activities:
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- 108 • High School Student Activity Card \$35.00
- 109 • Middle School Student Activity Card \$15.00
- 110 • National Honor Society \$ 5.00
- 111 • Cheerleading, Drill Team, Flag Corps \$100.00
- 112 (Students must purchase uniforms and shoes selected by the sponsor
113 and/or student group. The maximum dollar amount charged by the school
114 district for these will be \$100.00)
- 115 • Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Track, and Cross Country –
116 Students must provide their own shoes and undergarments.
- 117 • Golf – Students must provide their own shoes and undergarments.
- 118 • FFA – Students must purchase their own jacket and pay dues of \$5.00.

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120 **7. Post-Secondary Education Costs**

121 Some students enroll in postsecondary courses while still enrolled in the
122 district's high school. As a general rule, students must pay all costs
123 associated with such post-secondary courses. However, for a course in
124 which student received high school credit or a course being taken as a
125 part of an accelerated or differentiated curriculum program, the district
126 shall offer the course without charge for tuition, transportation, books or
127 other fees. Students who chose to apply for post-secondary education
128 credit may be required to pay tuition and all other fees associated with
129 obtaining credits from a post-secondary educational institution.

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131 **8. Transportation Costs**

132 The district will charge students reasonable fees for transportation
133 services provided by the district to the extent permitted by federal and
134 state statutes and regulations.

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136 **9. Copies of Student Files or Records**

137 The district will charge a fee for making copies of a student's files or
138 records for the parents or guardians of such students. The

139 Superintendent or Superintendent's designee shall establish a
140 schedule of student records fees. Parents of the students have the
141 right to inspect and review the student's files or records without a
142 payment of a fee, and the district shall not charge a fee to search for or
143 retrieve any student's files or records.
144 The district will charge \$0.25 per page for reproduction of student
145 records.

10. Charges for Food Consumed by Students

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147 The district will charge for items that students purchase from the
148 district's breakfast and lunch programs. The fees charged for these
149 items will be set according to applicable federal and state statutes and
150 regulations. The district will charge students for the cost of food,
151 beverages, and the like that student purchase from a school store,
152 vending machine, booster club, or similar sources. Students may be
153 required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar
154 activities.
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157 Charges for Breakfast and Lunch are as follow:
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159 Breakfast

160	High School Regular priced	\$1.70 per meal
161	Middle and Elementary Regular priced	\$1.70 per meal
162	Extra Breakfast Entrée	\$1.25 per entrée
163	Extra Toast – 2 slices (HS/MS only)	\$0.50
164	Reduced	\$0.30 per meal

165 Lunch

166	High School Regular	\$3.00 per meal
167	Middle Regular priced	\$3.00 per meal
168	Elementary Regular priced	\$2.95 per meal
169	Extra Entrée	\$1.70 per entrée
170	Extra Premium Entree (HS/MS only)	\$1.90 per entrée
171	Reduced	\$0.40 per meal

172	Extra 8 oz juice (MS only)	\$0.50
173	Extra Milk	\$0.50
174	Special Milk	\$0.50

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178 *Optional ala carte items (cereal bars, juice, etc.) are available at
179 the middle and high schools, ranging in price from \$0.50 to \$1.50. Ala
180 carte items will only be sold after the purchase of a reimbursable meal.

11. Charges for Musical Extra-curricular Activities

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182 Students who qualify for fee waivers under this policy will be
183 provided, at no charge, the use of a musical instrument in optional
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185 courses that are not extracurricular. For musical extracurricular
186 activities, the school district will require students to provide the
187 following:

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189 **Band** – Students must provide their own instrument and
190 marching band shoes which must be white & rubber soles.

191 **Swing Choir** – Students must purchase outfits and shoes
192 selected by the sponsor and/or group. The maximum dollar amount
193 charged by the district will be \$200.00
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C. WAIVER POLICY

197 Students who qualify for free and reduced priced lunches under
198 United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs
199 shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary
200 materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in
201 extracurricular activities, (2) materials for course projects, and (3)
202 the use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are
203 not extracurricular activities. Actual participation in the free or
204 reduced price lunch program is not required to qualify for the waiver
205 provided in this section. The district is not obligated to provide any
206 particular type or quality of equipment or other materials to eligible
207 students. Students who wish to be considered for waiver of a
208 particular fee must submit a completed fee waiver application to
209 their building administrator.
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D. POLICY DISTRIBUTION

212 This policy will be published in an addendum to the Student
213 Handbook or its equivalent which will be provided to the student at
214 no cost.
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E. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEFRAY COSTS

217 The district will, when appropriate, request donations of money,
218 materials, equipment or attire from parents, guardians, and other
219 members of the community to defray costs of providing certain
220 services and activities to students. These requests are not
221 requirements and staff members of the district are directed to clearly
222 communicate that fact to students, parents, and patrons.
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F. FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

225 Students may be permitted or required to engage in fund-raising
226 activities to support various curricular and extracurricular activities in
227 which they participate. Students who decline to participate in fund-
228 raising activities are not eligible under this policy for waiver of the
229 costs or fees which the fund-raising activity was meant to defray.
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G. STUDENT FEE FUND

The school board hereby established a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund that will not be funded by tax revenue, and that will serve as a depository for all monies collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) post-secondary education costs, and (3) summer school and or night courses. Monies in the Student Fee Fund shall be expended only for the purpose for which they were collected from students.

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