

2020-21 MHSAA Participation Fee Survey – Senior High Results

(Final – 707 Responses – 94% 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 2020-21 – 293 (41%)

Breakdown by Class – A 94 (57%); B 71 (43%); C 63 (21%); D 47 (31%)

We ARE NOT assessing a fee in 2020-21 – 413 (58%)

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

1. Fees are also being assessed for other, non-athletic, extracurricular activities. 97 (33%) - Yes 193 (66%) - No
2. We are going to evaluate the implementation of fees on an annual basis. 228 (78%) – Yes 61 (21%) - No
3. We are calling our fee: Participation Fee 239 (82%); Registration Fee 20 (7%); Insurance Fee 3 (1%); Transportation Fee 6 (2%); Other 21 (7%)
4. This is the FIRST time we have EVER had a Participation Fee. 1 (0%) – Yes 289 (99%) – No
5. Our school also had a Participation Fee in the 2019-20 school year. 269 (92%) – Yes 19 (6%) – No
6. Have you seen a drop in participation because of Participation Fees? 11 (4%) – Yes 277 (95%) - No
7. Have students transferred out of your school because of Participation Fees? 1 (0%) – Yes 286 (98%) – No
8. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a student-athlete for the school year? 166 (57%) – Yes 122 (42%) – No
9. Annual maximum fee per student breakdown:
Low - \$25 High - \$1,000 Median - \$150
Listing by fee: \$25 – 1; \$45 – 1; \$50 – 10; \$55 – 2; \$60 – 1; \$65 – 1; \$75 – 9; \$80 – 1; \$85 – 1; \$100 – 24; \$105 – 1; \$110 – 1; \$120 – 5; \$125 – 6; \$130 – 3; \$135 – 1; \$140 – 1; \$150 – 19; \$155 – 4; \$165 – 2; \$170 – 2; \$175 – 5; \$190 – 1; \$200 – 13; \$210 – 2; \$215 – 1; \$225 – 2; \$230 – 1; \$250 – 3; \$260 – 1; \$265 – 1; \$275 – 1; \$300 – 6; \$320 – 1; \$325 – 3; \$335 – 1; \$350 – 10; \$360 – 2; \$375 – 1; \$380 – 1; \$385 – 2; \$400 – 2; \$410 – 2; \$425 – 2; \$445 – 1; \$450 – 1; \$500 – 1; \$545 – 1; \$1,000 – 1.
10. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a family for the school year? 148 (51%) – Yes 141 (48%) – No
11. Annual maximum fee per family breakdown:
Low - \$50 High - \$1,000 Median - \$300
Listing by fee: \$50 – 1; \$65 – 1; \$75 – 2; \$100 – 1; \$120 – 2; \$150 – 10; \$200 – 12; \$225 – 3; \$250 – 15; \$260 – 1; \$295 – 1; \$300 – 29; \$315 – 1; \$320 – 1; \$350 – 2; \$375 – 2; \$390 – 1; \$400 – 11; \$425 – 1; \$450 – 1; \$490 – 1; \$500 – 11; \$525 – 3; \$545 – 1; \$560 – 1; \$600 – 6; \$630 – 1; \$645 – 1; \$650 – 1; \$700 – 7; \$720 – 1; \$725 – 1; \$745 – 1; \$750 – 4; \$770 – 2; \$780 – 1; \$795 – 1; \$800 – 1; \$850 – 3; \$880 – 1; \$900 – 1; \$1,000 – 1.
12. Our Participation Fee is:
 - a. A standardized one-time fee per student-athlete for the entire year 93 (32%)
 - b. A standardized fee per team, regardless of how many sports a student-athlete plays 128 (44%)
 - c. Tiered, based on the number of sports a student-athlete plays 43 (15%)
 - d. Varies by sport 16 (5%)
 - e. Other 7 (2%)
13. One-time fee per student breakdown:
Minimum - \$25 Maximum - \$425 Median - \$100
Listing by fee: \$25 – 2; \$40 – 1; \$50 – 8; \$65 – 1; \$75 – 7; \$80 – 2; \$85 – 1; \$100 – 14; \$120 – 1; \$125 – 3; \$129 – 1; \$130 – 1; \$135 – 1; \$140 – 1; \$150 – 5; \$155 – 1; \$165 – 1; \$175 – 4; \$200 – 3; \$210 – 1; \$215 – 1; \$265 – 1; \$275 – 1; \$300 – 1; \$325 – 3; \$350 – 1; \$360 – 1; \$385 – 1; \$425 – 2.
14. Fee per team student breakdown:
Minimum - \$20 Maximum - \$250 Median - \$75
Listing by fee: \$20 – 2; \$25 – 2; \$30 – 2; \$35 – 1; \$40 – 2; \$45 – 2; \$46 – 1; \$50 – 13; \$55 – 2; \$60 – 5; \$65 – 4; \$70 – 2; \$75 – 14; \$80 – 2; \$85 – 2; \$95 – 3; \$100 – 11; \$110 – 1; \$125 – 5; \$130 – 1; \$140 – 3; \$145 – 1; \$150 – 7; \$165 – 2; \$175 – 5; \$180 – 2; \$192 – 1; \$195 – 2; \$200 – 1; \$210 – 1; \$225 – 1; \$250 – 2.
15. Does your school offer a reduced fee or fee waiver provision based on income criteria? 184 (63%) – Yes 104 (35%) – No
16. Do student-athletes receive any additional benefits related to their fee payment? 19 (6%) – Yes 269 (92%) – No

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

1. Our school has assessed Participation Fees in the past. 85 (21%) – Yes 327 (79%) – No
2. We have had students transfer into our district because we are not assessing a fee. 8 (2%) – Yes 402 (97%) – No
3. The possibility of fees for 2021-22 is still being considered. 62 (15%) – Yes 350 (85%) - No