



COLLEGIATE ACADEMIES

Policy Statement

Collegiate Academies (CA) schools provide robust and effective programming to scholars across academic, social, extracurricular, athletic, and other domains. As public schools, CA will strive to create these programs with minimal contributions (fees) from families and participating students. All fees requested from families will be communicated to families as early as possible, and a clear waiver process will be made available to ensure no undue economic hardship is caused by student fees (fees are recommended, not mandatory). In no case will any fee prohibited by local, state, or federal law be authorized by Collegiate Academies leadership, and in no case will students be denied or delayed admission to any instructional activity due to failure to pay a fee.

List of Fees

The 2017-18 fees for all Collegiate Academies schools are outlined in Appendix A. This list includes the purpose and use of fees, and the amount of each fee.

Collection of Fees

- School Leaders (or their designee) will create a description of all fees to be collected by the school. Schools will make every effort to communicate these fees before the beginning of each academic year and will communicate any updates via school website, direct family communication, or other appropriate means.
- School Leaders (or their designee) will collect fees from families and/or scholars. The standard methods of payment are credit card (PayPal) or money orders. Cash is not preferred but will also be accepted. Personal checks are not accepted.
- In accordance with Collegiate Academies Financial Policies and Procedures, the school will generate a receipt or other documentation of the transaction for the school's records and for those of the family.

Spending of Fees

As a general practice, student fees are designed to offset the cost of programming funded primarily by other funding sources, including recurring per-pupil revenue and philanthropy. School Leaders (or their designee) will determine the appropriate use for funds collected via student fees and will be responsible for clearly communicating these plans to students and families. Typical uses of fees include uniforms, equipment, and transportation for athletic and co-curricular organizations; participation in special events such as Homecoming or Senior celebrations; and other supplementary programming that complements the core mission of the school.

Economic Hardship Waiver

Collegiate Academies seeks to balance fairness (i.e., all participating students should pay the same fee) with equity and an acknowledgement of economic hardship facing many families in the communities that we serve. As such, School Leaders (or their designee) will offer fee reductions and waivers to students and families who complete the following steps:

- Make a good faith effort to pay the full fee, including by requesting additional time and/or a payment plan.



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- Request a waiver or fee reduction from the School Leader (or designee)
- Provide additional documentation requested by the School Leader (or designee)
- Commit to informing the School Leader (or designee) if the family's economic circumstances change and the fee is able to be paid later in the academic year

The Louisiana Department of Education provides the follow examples of a family status that may be grounds to grant a waiver: families receiving unemployment benefits or public assistance, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid; foster families caring for children in foster care; and families that are homeless. School Leaders may use these indicators and other information to make their determination.

School Leaders (or their designee) will communicate the decision regarding a waiver on a rolling basis directly to families.



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2017-18 Student Fees

Student Fees related to the academic program

None.

Collegiate Academies schools do not charge fees of any type related to the academic program. This includes but is not limited to: registration fees; course attendance/enrollment fee; earning of credit; or receipt of grades.

Recommended/Optional Student Fees related to extracurricular programming

The following fee schedule outlines recommended student fees to support robust and effective programming to scholars across social, extracurricular, athletic, and other domains

School	Fee Charged	To Whom	Amount	How fee will be used
ASA	Volleyball Team fee	Everybody	\$129	Uniforms (will be kept by student)
ASA	Dance Team Fee	All players	\$600,	Uniforms (paid in 3 installments)
ASA	Drill Team Fee	All members of drill squad	\$300	Uniforms, marching equipment
ASA	Homecoming Fee	Homecoming court	\$250	Homecoming attire, limo
ASA	Senior Budget	All Seniors	\$400	Prom, homecoming
GWC	Homecoming Fee	Homecoming court (avg.)	\$675	Participation + outfits for dance, game, parade.
GWC	Senior Budget Tier 1	seniors	\$200	graduation only
GWC	Senior Budget Tier 2	seniors	\$450	graduation + senior activities
GWC	Senior Trip	seniors	\$450	Travel and activities on senior trip
GWC	Cheerleading budget	cheerleading team	450 (new), 180 (old)	uniforms
LCA	Volleyball Team fee	JV Volleyball Players	\$150	Uniforms and practice clothing
LCA	Football Team fee	JV Football Players	\$100	Uniforms and practice clothing
LCA	Sophomore Retreat fee	10th graders attending retreat	\$40	Sophomore retreat (lodging, meals)
LCA	Boys' Basketball Team fee	JV Basketball Players	\$100	Uniforms and practice clothing
LCA	Girls' Basketball Team	JV Basketball	\$100	Uniforms and practice clothing



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	fee	Players		
LCA	Cheerleading Team fee	Cheerleaders	\$150 returners , \$250 new	Uniforms
LCA	ASA Marching Unit fees	LCA students marching w/ ASA	Ref ASA tab	Ref ASA tab