

## **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 2018-19 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 and/or equipment 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.
- 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.

## 2018-19 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. Any student or family experiencing qualifying economic hardship may receive a fee waiver from the School Leader (or designee).

School	Fee Charged	To Whom	Amount	How fee will be used
ASA	Volleyball Team fee	All Team Members	\$250	Jersey, shoes, knee-pads, socks
ASA	Basketball Team Fee (Boys)	All players (JV/Varsity)	\$250, in two installments	shoes, socks, duffle bag, shorts
ASA	Homecoming Fee	All members of homecoming court	\$250	Homecoming attire, limo
ASA	Senior Budget	All Seniors	\$400	Prom, homecoming
ASA	Basketball Team Fee (Girls)	All Team members	\$250	Shoes, socks, duffle bag, shorts
ASA	Band Fee	All marching unit members	\$100	mouthpiece, music accessories
GWC	Senior Budgets	Seniors	\$500 (average)	Graduation, senior activities, senior trip, memorabilia
GWC	Homecoming court	Homecoming court girls/boys	\$680 (average)	all outfits worn for the game, dance, and pep rally t-shirt, 2 dance tickets, 2 game tickets, parade fees
GWC	Cheerleading Budget	Cheerleading team	\$475 (average)	Black Uniform, Poms, Orange Briefs, Bow, Cheer Bag, Orange Shell
GWC	Dance Budget	Dance team	\$450	Uniforms, shoes, tights, jacket
GWC	Boys Basketball Budget	Boys Basketball	\$150	Warm-ups, shoes, t-shirt, bag
GWC	Track Budget	Boys and Girls Track Team	\$150	Warm-ups, shoes, t-shirt, bag

	GWC	Girls Basketball Budget	Girls Basketball	\$150	Warm-ups, shoes, t-shirt, bag	
	GWC	Majorettes Budget	Majorettes team	\$400	Uniforms, shoes, tights, jacket	
	GWC	Band Budget	Band Members	\$150	T-Shirt, Windsuit	
	LCA	Volleyball Team fee	JV Volleyball Players	\$250	Uniforms and practice clothing	
	LCA	Football Team fee	JV Football Players	\$100	Uniforms and practice clothing	
	LCA	Sophomore Retreat fee	10th graders attending retreat	\$50	Sophomore retreat (lodging, meals)	
	LCA	Boys' Basketball Team fee	JV Basketball Players	\$250	Uniforms and practice clothing	
	LCA	Girls' Basketball Team fee	JV Basketball Players	TBD	Uniforms and practice clothing	
	LCA	Cheerleading Team fee	Cheerleaders	\$250 returners, \$450 new	Uniforms, camp, practice clothing	
	LCA	ASA Marching Unit fees	LCA students marching w/ ASA	See ASA, above	See ASA, above	
	LCA	Dance team fee	Dance Team Members	\$210 (\$110 for spirit pack, \$150 for dues)	Uniforms and practice clothing	
	LCA	Junior Prom fee / tickets	Juniors who want to go to prom	TBD, likely \$100-150	Junior Prom	
	LCA	Junior College Trip fee	Juniors who want to go on college trip	TBD, likely \$200	Junior College Trip	
	CBR	Football Team Fee	All Team Members	\$100	Uniforms, pads, mouthguard, etc.	
	CBR	Spirit Squad	All Team Members	\$75	uniforms, shoes, etc.	
	RCA	Cheerleaders	Team	\$268	Uniforms/ practice uniforms/parade uniforms	
	OA	No fees				