

## **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. In no case will students be denied or delayed admission to any instructional activity or have their educational records withheld due to failure to pay a fee.

## **List of Fees**

The 2019-20 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. If a family wishes to appeal a waiver request, they should contact Collegiate Academies Superintendent/CEO, Ben Marcovitz at [bmarcovitz@collegiateacademies.org](mailto:bmarcovitz@collegiateacademies.org). In reviewing the decision, the Superintendent may uphold or reverse the decision of the School Leader (or designee); however, the Superintendent of Collegiate Academies review is final. Decisions will be communicated in writing within five (5) days.

## 2019-20 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).

|     |                                 |                      |       |  |                |
|-----|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------|--|----------------|
| OA  | No Fees                         |                      |       |  |                |
| RCA | No Fees                         |                      |       |  |                |
| LCA | Senior Budget - "Blue Package"  | Class of 2020        | \$250 | Graduation materials, senior t-shirt, etc.                         | 12/20          |
| LCA | Senior Budget - "Green Package" | Class of 2020        | \$400 | Same as blue + prom, homecoming, other activities                  | 12/20          |
| LCA | Senior Budget - "Wolf Package"  | Class of 2020        | \$900 | Same as green + trip to Orlando                                    | 12/20          |
| LCA | Athletic Dues                   | Any student athletes | \$150 | Dues for all athletic teams  | Varies by team |
| LCA | Cheer                           | Cheer team members   | TBD   | uniforms, practice outfits, etc                                    | 9/13           |
| LCA | Majorette                       | Majorette members    | \$908 | uniforms, practice outfits, etc                                    | 9/13           |
| LCA | Flag                            | Flag members         | \$917 | uniforms, practice outfits, etc                                    | 9/13           |
| LCA | Dance                           | Dance team members   | \$750 | uniforms, practice outfits, etc                                    | 12/15          |
| LCA | Band                            | Band members         | \$200 | mouth piece, music accessories, uniform cleaning, practice clothes | 9/26           |
| LCA | Drill Squad                     | Drill squad members  | \$210 | drill squad practice gear, other materials                         | 9/26           |
| LCA | Junior Budget - Blue Package    | Class of 2021        | \$75  | College tour, class t-shirt, Dave & Busters                        | 11/1           |
| LCA | Junior Budget - Green Package   | Class of 2021        | \$150 | Same as blue + prom + homecoming                                   | 11/1           |
| LCA | Sophomore Budget                | Class of 2022        | \$100 | Sophomore retreat, class t-shirt, class sweatshirt,                | 11/1           |

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|     |                                    |  |  | homecoming   |                                |
| GWC | Cheerleading Budget                | Cheerleading team                      | \$572 (new),<br>\$383 (old)                              | Black Uniform, Poms, Orange Briefs, Bow, Cheer Bag, Orange Shell | 9/14/18                        |
| 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  |                                |
| GWC | Senior Budget Tier 1               | seniors                                | \$250  | graduation only  |                                |
| GWC | Senior Budget Tier 2               | seniors                                | \$500  | graduation + senior activities + senior memorabilia              |                                |
| ASA | <i>Volleyball Team fee</i>         | <i>All Team Members</i>                | <i>\$250</i>   | <i>Jersey, shoes, kneepads, socks.</i>                           | <i>1st Deposit due 8/29/19</i> |
| ASA | <i>Football Team Fee</i>           | All Team Members                       | Parents purchased online                                 | Uniforms, pads, mouthguard, etc.                                 | Start of season August         |
| ASA | <i>Basketball Team Fee (Boys)</i>  | All players (JV/Varsity)               | <i>\$250</i>   | shoes, socks, duffle bag, shorts                                 |                                |
| ASA | <i>Dance Team Fee</i>              | All players                            | Free to join, uniform purchase required to march         | uniform, jog suit, shoes, make-up                                | First installment October 2019 |
| ASA | <i>Drill Team Fee</i>              | All members of drill squad             | Free to join, uniform purchase required to march         | Uniforms, marching equipment                                     |                                |
| ASA | <i>Homecoming Fee</i>              | <i>All members of homecoming court</i> | <i>\$250</i>   | Homecoming attire, limo  |                                |
| ASA | <i>Senior Budget</i>               | <i>All Seniors</i>                     | <i>400/200/100</i>                                       | 3 tiers of expenses  |                                |
| ASA | <i>Basketball Team Fee (Girls)</i> | All Team members                       | <i>\$250</i>   | shoes, socks, duffle bag, shorts                                 | October 15, 2019               |
| ASA | <i>Cheer Fee</i>                   | New cheer/<br>Returning Cheer          | Free to join, uniform purchase required for students new | uniforms, make-up, accessories                                   | Deadline November 31st 2018    |

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| ASA | <i>Band Fee</i>           | All marching unit members     | \$100  | mouth piece, music accessories,  | August 31,2019 |
| ASA | <i>Flag Team Fee</i>      | new members/returning members | Free to join, uniform purchase required to march | uniforms, and accessories        | August 31,2019 |
| ASA | <i>Majorette Team Fee</i> | new members/returning members | Free to join, uniform purchase required to march | uniform,and assessories          | August 31,2019 |
| ASA | Junior Budget             | All Juniors                   | \$175/\$150                                      | college trip, incentives, tshirt | 10/1           |
| ASA | Sophomore Budget          | All Sophomores                | \$75   | field trips, incentives, tshirt  | 10/1           |
| ASA | Freshman Budget           | All Freshmen                  | \$40   | field trips, incentives, tshirt  | 10/1           |