

Athens Area Schools

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Dear Parent(s),

The Board of Education has established a fee for participation in extracurricular athletics. Due to the rising costs associated with after-school competitions, we have used these fees as a way to off-set these costs in our general budget for several years.

The revenues generated by "gate receipts" fall short in covering our overall expenses for athletics in grades seven through twelve. Since we value athletics as an important aspect of your child's development while attending the Athens Area Schools, we must ask for your help.

For the 2015-2016 school year, we expect that before the first day of practice for any particular sport, your child will have furnished a valid proof of a physical exam and an athletic participation fee in the following amount:

7th/8th grade student-athletes:

- The fee for one sport is \$40
- The fee for two sports is \$80
- The maximum fee for 7th/8th grade student-athletes is \$80


9th through 12th grade student-athletes:

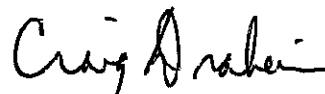
- The fee for one sport is \$60
- The fee for two sports is \$120
- The maximum fee for 9th-12th grade student-athletes is \$120

The fee will be collected from each student-athlete at the time of signing up for the first and second sports, but will not pay again should they participate in a third sport. Please note that no family will pay more than \$180 per year for their student-athletes. You may make your payment to the building secretary or to the central office.

We know that this fee may be a challenge to some of our families in today's difficult economic environment. If your child is qualified for our Free and Reduced Lunch Program, there may be scholarship money available to help off-set the fee required. Please contact either the Athletic Director or the High School Principal to request assistance. Please realize that the fee does not guarantee your student-athlete's participation in competitions. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,


Joseph C. Huepenbecker
Superintendent


Craig Draheim
Athletic Director