

# **Graham Local Schools**

## **Participation Fee Guidelines**

### **Background**

The Graham Board of Education recognizes that extracurricular activities represent an extension of the overall school program. These programs contribute to the educational goals of the district and assist in promoting and developing the overall growth of each participant.

In an effort to generate revenue to partially offset the cost of offering extra-curricular activities, the Graham Board of Education has implemented a participation fee to be involved in these programs. Although parents/guardians and students are being asked to assume a small portion of the expense of extracurricular participation through a fee structure, it is hoped that NO student will elect not to participate due to financial constraints. If a parent/guardian has difficulty paying any fee, he/she is strongly encouraged to contact the coach, advisor, a teacher or an administrator to receive assistance. All requests will be handled in a confidential manner.

### **Fee Due Dates:**

Fall Sports	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in August
Winter Sports	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in November
Spring Sports	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday in March
Yearlong Activities	4 <sup>th</sup> Monday in August

### **Collection of Fees**

- All fees are due prior to the first game or performance.
- Checks should be made out to the Graham Local Schools.
- Students on the free lunch program will have their fees reduced by one-half.
- Students on the reduced lunch program will have their fees reduced by one-half.
- Fees should be paid through the Athletic Director's office; checks should not be given to coaches/supervisors. A receipt will be issued.
- Student participation will cease if payment or other arrangements have not been made by the due date.

No refunds will be given if one of the following has occurred:

- The first scheduled game or scrimmage has been held
- Ten (10) days of practice have been held
- The student quits the activity
- The student is dismissed from the activity due to misbehavior
- The student becomes academically ineligible

Special circumstances that prohibit a student from participating will be reviewed on an individual basis by the administration for a possible refund.

A copy of the existing fee structure (as approved by the Board of Education) is attached.

Parents/Guardians and students are advised that the payment of fees does not ensure and/or guarantee playing/participation time. This is especially true in athletics.

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### Fees

#### Athletics

Family Cap - \$300 per school year (this cap only applies to Athletics) Maximum any family would pay is \$300 no matter how many children and how many athletic teams

<u>Sport/Activity</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Football	HS	\$125
Soccer	HS	\$125
Volleyball	HS	\$125
Golf	HS	\$125
Cross Country	HS	\$125
Basketball	HS	\$125
Wrestling	HS	\$125
Bowling	HS	\$125
Softball	HS	\$125
Baseball	HS	\$125
Track	HS	\$125
Football Cheerleading	HS	\$125
Basketball Cheerleading	HS	\$125
Football	MS	\$75
Cross Country	MS	\$75
Volleyball	MS	\$75
Basketball	MS	\$75
Wrestling	MS	\$75
Track	MS	\$75
Football Cheerleading	MS	\$75
Basketball Cheerleading	MS	\$75

#### Activities

Family Cap - \$100 per school year (this cap only applies to Non-Athletics) Maximum any family would pay is \$100 no matter how many children and how many activities

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Marching Band	HS	\$75
Pep Band	HS	\$20
Vocal Music	HS	\$20
Vocal Music	MS	\$20
Fall Play	HS	\$25
Fall Play	MS	\$20
Musical	HS	\$35
Class Officer	HS	\$20
Student Council	HS	\$20
Student Council	MS	\$20
Student Council	ES	\$10
National Honor Society	HS	\$20
Students Making a Diff	HS	\$20

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The Graham Local School District Board of Education has adopted a participation fee for all extracurricular activities. The fee will be used to offset a small portion of the expense of operating extracurricular activities. These costs include coaches/advisors salaries, transportation, and maintenance of facilities. Costs for personal equipment, clothing, etc... will be the responsibility of the participant. Typically, participants will be provided with a uniform and other required equipment; however, there are activities (golf and cheerleading, for example) where participants do pay for uniforms.

1. The **\$125 (HS) or \$75 (MS)** participation fee must be submitted to the Athletic Department.
2. The Family Cap for athletics is **\$300** for the school year.
3. Payment Due Dates are:
  - a. Fall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in August
  - b. Winter – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in November
  - c. Spring – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March
4. Payment is due in full.
5. Special circumstances that prohibit an individual from participating will be reviewed on an individual basis by the administration for a possible refund.
6. Parents/Guardians and students are advised that the payment of fees does not ensure and/or guarantee playing/participation time. This is especially true in athletics. The control and all related decisions of the activities will remain the responsibility of the Coach, AD, and Board of Education or its designee.

If you have questions, please contact the Athletic Office at 937-663-0001.

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Athlete's Name _____	Grade _____
Parent/Guardians Name _____	
Parent/Guardian email _____	
Sport / Activity _____	
Amount Enclosed _____	Check # _____
Family Total _____	

To help with the Family Cap please list other children in your family who may be participating in athletics or cheerleading this year:

Name	Grade
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

We as parents or legal guardian of the above athlete have read the policy and rules set forth for the athletic program's participation fees.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

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Date