

STUDENT FEES

The Board of Education of Holdrege Public Schools adopts the following student fees policy in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act.

The District's general policy is to provide for the free instruction in school in accordance with the Nebraska Constitution. This generally means that the District's policy is to provide free instruction for courses which are required by state law or regulation and to provide the staff, facility, equipment, and materials necessary for such instruction, without charge or fee to the students.

The District does provide activities, programs, and services to children which extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Students and their parents have historically contributed to the District's efforts to provide such activities, programs, and services. The District's general policy is to continue to encourage and, to the extent permitted by law, to require such student and parent contributions to enhance the educational program provided by the District.

Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the District is required to set forth in a policy its guidelines or policies for specific categories of student fees. The District does so by setting forth the following guidelines and policies. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or Board regulations which may be adopted from time to time. The Policy includes a Student Fee Schedule, which provides further specifics of student fees and materials required of students for the 2026-27 school year. Parents, guardians, and students are encouraged to contact their building administration or their teachers or activity coaches and sponsors for further specifics.

(1) Guidelines for Non-Specialized Attire Required for Specified Courses and Activities

Students have the responsibility to furnish and wear non-specialized attire meeting general District grooming and attire guidelines, as well as grooming and attire guidelines established for the building or programs attended by the students or in which the students participate. Students also have the responsibility to furnish and wear non-specialized attire reasonably related to the programs, courses and activities in which the students participate where the required attire is specified in writing by the administrator or teacher responsible for the program, course or activity.

The District will provide or make available to students such safety equipment and attire as may be required by law, specifically including appropriate industrial-quality eye protective devices for courses of instruction in vocational, technical, industrial arts, chemical or chemical-physical classes which involve exposure to hot molten metals or other molten materials, milling, sawing, turning, shaping, cutting, grinding, or stamping of any solid materials, heat treatment, tempering, or kiln

firing of any metal or other materials, gas or electric arc welding or other forms of welding processes, repair or servicing of any vehicle, or caustic or explosive materials, or for laboratory classes involving caustic or explosive materials, hot liquids or solids, injurious radiations, or other similar hazards. Building administrators are directed to assure that such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, teachers are directed to instruct students in the usage of such devices and to assure that students use the devices as required, and students have the responsibility to follow such instructions and use the devices as instructed.

(2) Personal or Consumable Items & Miscellaneous

(a) Extracurricular Activities

Students have the responsibility to furnish any personal or consumable items for participation in extracurricular activities.

(b) Courses

(i) General Course Materials

Items necessary for students to benefit from courses will be made available by the District for the use of students during the school day. Students may be encouraged, but not required, to bring items needed to benefit from courses including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers, notebooks, trappers, protractors and math calculators. Supply lists will be made available, as appropriate. The list may include refundable damage or loss deposits required for usage of certain District property.

(ii) Damaged or Lost Items

Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of school property. Students and their parents or guardian will be held responsible for damages to school property where such damages is caused or aided by the student and will also be held responsible for the reasonable replacement costs of school property which is placed in the care of and lost by the student.

(iii) Materials Required for Course Projects

Students are permitted to and may be encouraged to supply materials for course projects. Some course projects (such as projects in art and shop classes) may be kept by the student upon completion. In the event the completed project has more than minimal value, the student may be required, as a condition of the student keeping the completed project, to reimburse the District for the reasonable value of the materials used in the project. Standard project materials will be made available by the District. If a student wants to create a project other than the standard course project, or to use materials other than standard project materials, the student will be responsible for furnishing or paying the reasonable cost of any such materials for the project.

(iv) Music Course Materials

Students will be required to furnish musical instruments for participation in optional music courses. Use of a musical instrument without charge is available under the District's fee waiver policy. The District is not

required to provide for the use of a particular type of musical instrument for any student.

(3) Extracurricular Activities – Specialized Equipment or Attire

Extracurricular activities means student activities or organizations which are supervised or administered by the District, which do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades, and in which participation is not otherwise required by the District. The District will generally furnish students with specialized equipment and attire for participation in extracurricular activities. The District is not required to provide for the use of any particular type of equipment or attire. Equipment or attire fitted for the student and which the student generally wears exclusively, such as dance squad, cheerleading, and music/dance activity (e.g. choir or show choir) uniforms and outfits, along with T-shirts for teams or activities, will be required to be provided by the participating student. The cost of maintaining any equipment or attire, including uniforms, which the student purchases or uses exclusively, shall be the responsibility of the participating student. Equipment which is ordinarily exclusively used by an individual student participant throughout the year, such as golf clubs, softball gloves, and the like, are required to be provided by the student participant. Items for the personal medical use or enhancement of the student (braces, mouth pieces, and the like) are the responsibility of the student participant. Students have the responsibility to furnish personal or consumable equipment or attire for participation in extracurricular activities or for paying a reasonable usage cost for such equipment or attire. Costs to students can be waived through the District's fee waiver policy.

Students have the responsibility to pay for dues to belong to any extracurricular club or organization and to pay for attendance at any of their related activities. Fees to attend conferences and/or conventions of these organizations where participation is voluntary, will be the responsibility of the student. For musical extracurricular activities, students may be required to provide specialized equipment, such as musical instruments, or specialized attire, or for paying a reasonable usage cost for such equipment or attire.

(4) Extracurricular Activities–Fees for Participation

Any fees for participation in extracurricular activities for the 2026-27 school year are further specified in the Student Fee Schedule. Admission fees are charged for extracurricular activities and events.

(5) Postsecondary Education Costs

Students are responsible for postsecondary education costs. The phrase "postsecondary education costs" means tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credit from a postsecondary educational institution. For a course in which students receive high school credit and for which the student may also receive postsecondary education credit, the course shall be offered without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees, except tuition and other fees associated with obtaining credits from a postsecondary educational institution.

(6) Copies of Student Files or Records

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee may establish a schedule of fees representing a reasonable cost of reproduction for copies of a student's files or records for the parents or guardians of such student. A parent, guardian or students who requests copies of files or records shall be responsible for the cost of copies reproduced in accordance with such fee schedule. The imposition of a fee shall not be used to prevent parents of students from exercising their right to inspect and review the students' files or records and no fee shall be charged to search for or retrieve any student's files or records. The fee schedule shall permit one copy of the requested records be provided for or on behalf of the student without charge and shall allow duplicate copies to be provided without charge to the extent required by federal or state laws or regulations.

- (7) Participation in Before-and-After-School or Prekindergarten Services
Students are responsible for fees required for participation in before-and-after-school or prekindergarten services offered by the District, except to the extent such services are required to be provided without cost.
- (8) Participation in Summer School or Night School
Students are responsible for fees required for participation in summer school or night school. Students are also responsible for correspondence courses.
- (9) Breakfast and Lunch Programs
Students shall be responsible for items which students purchase from the District's breakfast and lunch programs. The cost of items to be sold to students shall be consistent with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Students are also responsible for the cost of food, beverages, and personal or consumable items which the students purchase from the District or at school, whether from a "school store," a vending machine, a booster club or parent group sale, a book order club, or the like. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.
- (10) Waiver Policy
The District's policy is to provide fee waivers in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for: (1) participation in extracurricular activities and (2) use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Participation in a free-lunch program or reduced-price lunch program is not required to qualify for free or reduced-price lunches for purposes of this section. Students or their parents must request a fee waiver prior to participating in or attending the activity, and prior to purchase of the materials. Materials for course projects to be provided to free or reduced-price lunch eligible students shall be required to be approved by the administration.
- (11) Distribution of Policy
The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall publish the District's student fee policy in the Student Handbook or the equivalent (for example, publication may be made in an addendum or a supplement to the student

handbook). The Student Handbook or the equivalent shall be provided to students of the District at no cost.

(12) Student Fee Fund

The School Board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund not funded by tax revenue, into which all money collected from students and subject to the Student Fee Fund shall be deposited and from which money shall be expended for the purposes for which it was collected from students. Funds subject to the Student Fee Fund consist of money collected from students for: (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) postsecondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school.

CERTIFICATION

On the 20th day of July, 2026, the school board held a public hearing at a meeting of the school board on a proposed student fee policy. Such public hearing followed a review of the amount of money collected from students pursuant to, and the use of waivers provided in, the student fee policy for the 2026-27 school year. The foregoing student fee policy was adopted after such public hearing by a majority vote of the school board at an open public meeting in compliance with the public meetings laws.

Sandy Dunaway, Board Secretary

Authorized School Official

Legal References:

- Neb. Rev. Stat. §§79-2,125 to 79-2,135 and Laws 2003, LB 249 (The Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act)
- Neb. Constitution, Article VII, section 1.
- Neb. Rev. Stat. §§79-241, 79-605, and 79-611 (transportation)
- Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-2,104 (student files or records)
- Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-715 (eye-protective devices)
- Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-737 (liability of students for damages to school books)
- Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-1104 (before-and-after-school or prekindergarten services)
- Neb. Rev. Stat. §§79-1106 to 79-1108.03 (accelerated or differentiated curriculum program)

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HOLDREGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2026-27 Student Fees Schedule
Additional Specification of Required Materials and Fees¹

Program	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum)² or Specific Material Required
Grades K-4 Program		
Physical Education classes	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Tennis shoes and socks, athletic shorts, T-shirt
Art classes and special projects or events	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Old shirt for painting; other clothing which may get paint on it or otherwise be damaged
Music—Optional band courses	Musical instruments	Musical instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, drum sticks, lyres, flip folders, slide grease, reed guards, cleaning swabs, mouthpiece brushes, pad savers, ligatures, and a "gig bag", etc.) Limited instruments available for use by any student. Refundable damage deposit of \$20 may be required for use of school owned instrument.
Classroom supplies	General supplies, such as writing instruments (pens, pencils, crayons, markers), notebooks, etc.	None – necessary classroom supplies will be made available by the school. Students will be responsible for the replacement cost of damaged or lost supplies. Students are encouraged but not required to bring items from class supply lists which may be handed out by the office or individual teachers.
Field Trips	Transportation and admission costs of field trips	None—costs of school sponsored, class-related field trips will be paid for by the school. Parents may be encouraged but not required to pay for field trip costs of up to \$10 per student for each field trip to defray costs. (With administrative approval, the requested donation may be up to \$100 for special field trips). Meals on field trips will be at the expense of the student. School lunches will be provided as needed for free-reduced lunch eligible students.
Summer school courses	Classes offered during the summer, or at night, if any	\$150 per class maximum
Copies	Use of school copiers (except for one copy of the student file, which will be provided without charge)	Fifteen cents (\$.15) per page when charges apply.
School Meals		Food service program prices are approved annually by Board of Education. Actual daily cost to individual student will vary depending on available meal and ala carte choices.
Technology	Use of school technology , such as laptop/notebook computers	Laptop Annual Use Fee \$30

¹ This listing is a part of the Student Fees Policy and is intended to provide supplemental information. For additional specifications, refer to the Policy.

² Generally, dollar amounts are stated in terms of “maximums.” The actual fee or charge may be less during the current school year.

Grades 5-12 Program	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required
Physical Education classes	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Tennis shoes and socks, athletic shorts, T-shirt
Art and shop classes and special projects	Appropriate clothing (non-specialized attire)	Old shirt for painting; other clothing which may get paint on it or otherwise be damaged; brushes, pencils, specialized materials may be up to \$20; protective clothing for shop classes
Family & Consumer Science	Project Supplies (including food for cooking classes)	Specialized project materials costs and cooking lab fee up to \$20
Music—Optional band courses	Musical instruments	Musical instruments and accessories (reeds, valve oil, etc.) Limited instruments available for use by any student. Damage deposit of \$20 may be required for use of school owned instrument.
Classroom Supplies	General supplies, such as writing instruments (pens, pencils, crayons, markers), notebooks, etc.	None--necessary classroom supplies will be made available by the school. Students will be responsible for the replacement cost of damaged or lost supplies. Students are encouraged but not required to bring items from class supply lists which may be handed out by the office or individual teachers.
Advanced math or science classes	Specialized calculators	Refundable damage deposit of \$25 per semester may be required for students who wish to use school calculators outside the classroom. Students are encouraged but not required to purchase such equipment for their personal use.
Copies	Use of school copiers (except for one copy of the student file, which will be provided without charge)	Fifteen cents (\$.15) per page when charges apply.
School Meals		Food service program prices are approved annually by Board of Education. Actual daily cost to individual student will vary depending on available meal and ala carte choices.
Technology	Use of school technology , such as laptop/notebook computers	Laptop Annual Use Fee \$30
Post-secondary education classes	Tuition and fees for college courses taken for credit. Specialized books or supplies	Any postsecondary education costs for tuition or fees are to be paid directly by students to the college. Books or supplies may be up to \$125.
College entrance tests and preparation	Prep programs & tests	Costs of individual college entrance tests or prep courses, such as ACT preparation tutoring, PSAT test, and ACT test, are optional and to be paid directly to the private companies involved or to the school if subscription based.
Summer school courses	Classes offered during the summer, or at night, if any	Driver education course offered through University of Nebraska Kearney, fees established by UNK. Other classes: \$150 per class maximum

Extracurricular activities and other programs	General Description of Fee or Material	\$ Amount of Fee (Anticipated or Maximum) or Specific Material Required	
Extracurricular Activities Program			
1. Admission	Spectator fees for admission to events	\$10 per event maximum. Students may purchase an Activity Ticket at a fee not to exceed \$60 per year. For District and Conference events hosted by the School, cost to be set by NSAA but not to exceed \$20 per event.	
2. Activities/Athletics Physicals	NSAA required athletic physicals	Cost varies; payable directly to student’s physician or clinic.	
3. Equipment and attire	Students are responsible for required equipment and attire appropriate to the sport or activity which are not provided by the school, and are responsible for any optional clothing, equipment, or other items associated with the sport or activity.	Required items include athletic undergarments (supporter, bra, socks and undershirts), practice attire, including shorts, shirts, socks and shoes suitable for the activity, and dress attire suitable for team travel. Optional items for which students are responsible include: personal athletic bags, hair ties, sweat bands, non-required gloves, towels, forearm pads and personal medical devices (braces, orthopedic inserts, etc.). Additional required items for particular sports or activities include:	
		Baseball	Helmet and glove
		Basketball	No additional
		Tennis	Tennis racquet
		Cross County	No additional
		Football	Mouthpiece
		Golf	Golf bag & clubs
		Soccer	Soccer shin guards
		Softball	Softball glove
		Speech/Debate	Dress attire; copies of research
		Track	No additional
		Volleyball	Volleyball knee pads
		Wrestling	Wrestling head gear
		Cheerleading and Dance Team	Shoes, approved uniforms (top & skirt; jacket), poms and other accessories Dance Team and Cheerleading uniforms.
4. Travel meals	Meals	Students are responsible for their own meals while traveling.	
5. Camps and clinics	Registration and other costs of camps or clinics	Students are responsible for the cost of all clinics, camps and conditioning programs. Any personal items purchased at camps or clinics, such as t-shirts, shall be at the student’s expense.	
6. Marching Band and Musical Groups	Equipment and attire.	Students will be responsible for the same costs as are set out for the athletic program. Students will be responsible for supplying their own musical instruments and accessories and for their own uniforms. Uniforms for the marching band will be supplied by the school; students may be required to pay a refundable band uniform rental fee of up to \$50.	

Clubs/Organizations Band Chorus Flag Corp. Speech Thespians Play Production Skills USA FFA Cheerleading Dance Student Council National Art Honor Society National Honor Society FCCLA Future Educators of America E-Sports Bowling Fishing	State & national dues, meals and activities	Club and organization membership is optional. Dues vary depending on the club or organization. FFA members are required to purchase a jacket. Vocal music group outfits.
Social & Recognition Activities		
1. School plays, musicals and social activities	Admission to events	\$10 per play or activity
2. School dances	Admission to prom, homecoming, etc.	\$60 per event
3. Class dues		Class dues are determined by each class. Each of the classes may assess its members an amount not to exceed \$50 annually for rental and decoration of dance facilities, punch and snacks at social activities, memorials and recognition plaques, flowers, and cards, and similar class activities. The payment of such an assessment shall be strictly voluntary, but students who do not pay may be denied admission to extracurricular activities supported by the class dues.
4. Senior recognition assessment	Optional graduation activities	Participation in class activities attendant to graduation (such as being part of the composite picture, special yearbook pages, etc.) is not required in order for students to receive their high school diploma. Students who choose to participate will be required to pay the cost of the items involved in the graduation ceremony and attendant class activities. These may include the rental of graduation robes, caps, tassels, class flowers, class gift, yearbook picture page, and class composite picture. A single Senior Class Recognition Assessment, not to exceed \$50, will be assessed to those Seniors who elect to participate in such activities.
5. Trips	Transportation, lodging, meals, admission to events, etc.	Students are responsible for costs of school sponsored trips where the trip is an extracurricular activity. The maximum costs of such trips will be \$2,000 per student. If the trip is not school sponsored, the costs of the trip are not subject to this policy and no fee waivers will apply. A trip is not school sponsored if: it is not supervised or administered by the school, attendance on the trip does not count towards graduation credit or grade advancement, and participation on the trip is voluntary for students.