

2024-25 MHSAA Participation Fee Survey – Senior High Results

(Final – 720 Responses – 95% Response Rate)

Note: For the purposes of this survey, a participation fee is anything more than \$20 regardless of the title your school has given the fee (i.e., Registration Fee, Insurance Fee, Transportation Fee, Trainers Fee, etc.). If a student-athlete's participation on a team is contingent on paying any kind of fee, please provide the details requested below.

We are assessing a fee in 2024-25 – 286 (40%)

Breakdown by Class – A 97 (53%); B 73 (40%); C 61 (34%); D 56 (32%)

We ARE NOT assessing a fee in 2024-25 – 434 (60%)

PART ONE – To be filled out only by schools ASSESSING Participation Fees

1. Fees are also being assessed for other, non-athletic, extracurricular activities. 98 (34%) - Yes 186 (65%) - No
2. We are going to evaluate the implementation of fees on an annual basis. 240 (84%) – Yes 46 (16%) - No
3. We are calling our fee: Participation Fee 236 (83%); Athletic Fee 14 (5%); Registration Fee 19 (6%); Other 17 (6%)
4. This is the FIRST time we have EVER had a Participation Fee. 2 (1%) – Yes 284 (99%) – No
5. Our school also had a Participation Fee in the 2023-24 school year. 260 (91%) – Yes 22 (8%) – No
6. Have you seen a drop in participation because of Participation Fees? 10 (3%) – Yes 275 (96%) - No
7. Have students transferred out of your school because of Participation Fees? 0 (0%) – Yes 285 (100%) – No
8. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a student-athlete for the school year? 165 (58%) – Yes 118 (41%) – No
9. Annual maximum fee per student breakdown:
Low - \$20 High - \$1,000 Median - \$150
Listing by fee: \$20 – 1; \$25 – 3; \$30 – 1; \$40 – 1; \$50 – 8; \$60 – 3; \$70 – 1; \$75 – 5; \$80 – 3; \$85 – 2; \$90 – 2; \$100 – 27; \$120 – 2; \$125 – 6; \$130 – 2; \$135 – 1; \$140 – 1; \$150 – 14; \$155 – 1; \$165 – 2; \$170 – 1; \$175 – 3; \$198 – 1; \$200 – 14; \$225 – 3; \$230 – 1; \$250 – 9; \$260 – 1; \$265 – 2; \$280 – 1; \$290 – 1; \$300 – 8; \$310 – 1; \$315 – 1; \$325 – 2; \$335 – 1; \$350 – 1; \$360 – 2; \$385 – 4; \$390 – 1; \$395 – 1; \$400 – 5; \$410 – 2; \$425 – 2; \$445 – 2; \$450 – 1; \$500 – 1; \$510 – 2; \$700 – 1; \$720 – 1; \$725 – 1; \$1,000 – 1.
10. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a family for the school year? 145 (51%) – Yes 139 (49%) – No
11. Annual maximum fee per family breakdown:
Low - \$50 High - \$1,000 Median - \$370
Listing by fee: \$50 – 1; \$85 – 1; \$120 – 3; \$150 – 7; \$165 – 1; \$175 – 1; \$180 – 2; \$200 – 15; \$210 – 1; \$220 – 1; \$225 – 1; \$250 – 10; \$300 – 25; \$315 – 1; \$350 – 3; \$360 – 1; \$370 – 1; \$380 – 1; \$400 – 15; \$425 – 1; \$450 – 3; \$480 – 1; \$500 – 14; \$510 – 2; \$525 – 2; \$535 – 1; \$545 – 1; \$550 – 2; \$600 – 6; \$700 – 3; \$720 – 2; \$725 – 1; \$745 – 1; \$750 – 2; \$770 – 3; \$780 – 2; \$795 – 1; \$800 – 1; \$880 – 2; \$1,000 – 5.
12. Our Participation Fee is:
a. A standardized one-time fee per student-athlete for the entire year 97 (34%)
b. A standardized fee per team, regardless of how many sports a student-athlete plays 123 (43%)
c. Tiered, based on the number of sports a student-athlete plays 48 (17%)
d. Varies by sport 17 (6%)
13. One-time fee per student breakdown:
Minimum - \$25 Maximum - \$1,000 Median - \$125
Listing by fee: \$25 – 2; \$50 – 8; \$60 – 1; \$75 – 4; \$80 – 2; \$85 – 1; \$90 – 1; \$95 – 1; \$100 – 19; \$120 – 1; \$125 – 5; \$130 – 1; \$135 – 1; \$140 – 1; \$150 – 7; \$175 – 4; \$200 – 5; \$210 – 1; \$220 – 1; \$230 – 1; \$250 – 2; \$255 – 1; \$265 – 1; \$315 – 1; \$325 – 3; \$335 – 1; \$385 – 3; \$400 – 2; \$1,000 – 1.
14. Fee per team student breakdown:
Minimum - \$20 Maximum - \$400 Median - \$100
Listing by fee: \$20 – 1; \$25 – 2; \$30 – 3; \$35 – 1; \$40 – 4; \$45 – 2; \$50 – 12; \$55 – 1; \$60 – 4; \$65 – 4; \$70 – 1; \$75 – 10; \$80 – 2; \$100 – 16; \$120 – 1; \$125 – 6; \$140 – 3; \$145 – 1; \$150 – 7; \$155 – 1; \$175 – 3; \$180 – 1; \$200 – 3; \$210 – 1; \$215 – 1; \$220 – 1; \$225 – 1; \$240 – 1; \$250 – 1; \$275 – 1; \$300 – 6; \$325 – 1; \$330 – 1; \$350 – 1; \$390 – 1; \$400 – 1.
15. Does your school offer a reduced fee or fee waiver provision based on income criteria? 198 (69%) – Yes 88 (31%) – No
16. Do student-athletes receive any additional benefits related to their fee payment? 28 (10%) – Yes 258 (90%) – No

PART TWO – To be filled out only by schools NOT ASSESSING Participation Fees

1. Our school has assessed Participation Fees in the past. 92 (21%) – Yes 339 (78%) – No
2. We have had students transfer into our district because we are not assessing a fee. 7 (2%) – Yes 422 (97%) – No
3. The possibility of fees for 2025-26 is still being considered. 32 (7%) – Yes 400 (92%) - No