

2025-26 MHSAA Participation Fee Survey – Senior High Results

(Final – 703 Responses – 93% 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 2025-26 – 270 (38%)

Breakdown by Class – A 86 (46%); B 73 (39%); C 53 (28%); D 53 (28%)

We ARE NOT assessing a fee in 2025-26 – 431 (62%)

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

1. Fees are also being assessed for other, non-athletic, extracurricular activities. 95 (35%) - Yes 171 (63%) - No
2. We are going to evaluate the implementation of fees on an annual basis. 233 (86%) – Yes 36 (13%) - No
3. We are calling our fee: Participation Fee 233 (86%); Athletic Fee 14 (5%); Registration Fee 13 (5%); Other 9 (3%)
4. This is the FIRST time we have EVER had a Participation Fee. 2 (1%) – Yes 268 (99%) – No
5. Our school also had a Participation Fee in the 2024-25 school year. 247 (91%) – Yes 19 (7%) – No
6. Have you seen a drop in participation because of Participation Fees? 7 (3%) – Yes 262 (97%) - No
7. Have students transferred out of your school because of Participation Fees? 0 (0%) – Yes 269 (100%) – No
8. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a student-athlete for the school year? 152 (56%) – Yes 113 (42%) – No
9. Annual maximum fee per student breakdown:
Low - \$20 High - \$975 Median - \$150
Listing by fee: \$20 – 1; \$25 – 1; \$40 – 2; \$50 – 6; \$60 – 2; \$70 – 1; \$75 – 2; \$80 – 3; \$85 – 3; \$90 – 2; \$100 – 24; \$110 – 1; \$120 – 4; \$125 – 5; \$130 – 2; \$138 – 1; \$140 – 1; \$150 – 15; \$155 – 1; \$160 – 1; \$165 – 1; \$170 – 1; \$175 – 2; \$180 – 1; \$200 – 14; \$210 – 1; \$225 – 3; \$240 – 1; \$250 – 13; \$265 – 2; \$290 – 1; \$300 – 7; \$320 – 1; \$325 – 2; \$335 – 1; \$340 – 1; \$350 – 1; \$360 – 1; \$385 – 4; \$400 – 5; \$410 – 1; \$430 – 1; \$500 – 2; \$510 – 2; \$600 – 2; \$660 – 1; \$795 – 1; \$975 – 1.
10. Do you have a maximum fee that you will charge a family for the school year? 132 (49%) – Yes 1366 (50%) – No
11. Annual maximum fee per family breakdown:
Low - \$50 High - \$1,000 Median - \$350
Listing by fee: \$50 – 1; \$85 – 1; \$100 – 2; \$120 – 3; \$140 – 1; \$150 – 4; \$180 – 1; \$200 – 16; \$225 – 2; \$250 – 8; \$300 – 24; \$305 – 1; \$325 – 1; \$350 – 2; \$375 – 1; \$400 – 13; \$440 – 1; \$450 – 2; \$465 – 1; \$500 – 12; \$510 – 2; \$525 – 2; \$530 – 2; \$545 – 1; \$560 – 1; \$580 – 1; \$600 – 6; \$700 – 5; \$720 – 2; \$725 – 1; \$745 – 1; \$750 – 1; \$770 – 2; \$780 – 2; \$800 – 1; \$880 – 2; \$1,000 – 4.
12. Our Participation Fee is:
 - a. A standardized one-time fee per student-athlete for the entire year 89 (33%)
 - b. A standardized fee per team, regardless of how many sports a student-athlete plays 115 (43%)
 - c. Tiered, based on the number of sports a student-athlete plays 34 (13%)
 - d. Varies by sport 22 (8%)
13. One-time fee per student breakdown:
Minimum - \$40 Maximum - \$770 Median - \$125
Listing by fee: \$40 – 2; \$50 – 5; \$60 – 1; \$70 – 1; \$75 – 3; \$80 – 3; \$85 – 2; \$90 – 1; \$100 – 13; \$120 – 1; \$125 – 5; \$130 – 1; \$150 – 9; \$155 – 1; \$160 – 1; \$175 – 2; \$200 – 5; \$210 – 1; \$250 – 4; \$300 – 2; \$325 – 3; \$335 – 1; \$385 – 2; \$400 – 2; \$500 – 1; \$545 – 1; \$770 – 1.
14. Fee per team student breakdown:
Minimum - \$20 Maximum - \$715 Median - \$80
Listing by fee: \$20 – 2; \$25 – 2; \$30 – 1; \$40 – 2; \$50 – 14; \$55 – 2; \$60 – 4; \$65 – 3; \$70 – 1; \$75 – 12; \$80 – 4; \$85 – 1; \$90 – 1; \$100 – 10; \$125 – 4; \$135 – 1; \$140 – 2; \$150 – 6; \$175 – 1; \$180 – 2; \$200 – 4; \$210 – 1; \$215 – 1; \$220 – 2; \$250 – 1; \$300 – 1; \$325 – 1; \$715 – 1.

15. Does your school offer a reduced fee or fee waiver provision based on income criteria? 180 (67%) – Yes 90 (33%) – No
16. Do student-athletes receive any additional benefits related to their fee payment? 22 (8%) – Yes 247 (91%) – No

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

1. Our school has assessed Participation Fees in the past. 76 (18%) – Yes 352 (82%) – No
2. We have had students transfer into our district because we are not assessing a fee. 5 (1%) – Yes 419 (97%) – No
3. The possibility of fees for 2026-27 is still being considered. 32 (7%) – Yes 397 (92%) - No