



Ann Arbor Public Schools

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**Ann Arbor Public Schools
Athletics Pay to Participate Program**

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Dear AAPS Parents and Guardians,

The Ann Arbor Public School has instituted a **Pay to Participate** athletic program in the middle and high schools for this school year as one of the ways to address reductions in school funding.

No student will be denied participation in middle and high school athletics based on the ability to pay the participation fee.

In middle school the fee to participate in any afterschool sport is a one-time cost of \$50.00 to cover the school year. In high school the fee to participate is \$150 for the first sport and an additional \$75 for any additional sport(s). There is also an insurance fee of \$30 per year for high school athletics.

Payment Options:

Checks, made out to AAPS, are accepted at the athletic office or for middle schools at the general school office.

Credit card payments may be made through AAPS Rec & Ed either via their website- www.reced.aaps.k12.mi.us or at their office, 1515 S. Seventh inside Pioneer High School.

Participants will receive a receipt from Rec & Ed for any Pay to Participate payment.

Payments are due according to the sport schedule before the first day of official practice. The high school fee is refundable only if the student athlete is cut from the sport.

Scholarship Waivers

A form is available at the athletic office or main office at the school. There are two options for Scholarship Waiver requests:

1. Students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch are eligible to be exempt from part or all of the Pay to Participate fee. (Fall sports eligibility will be based on the previous year's Free and Reduced Lunch status. Winter and spring sport eligibility will be based on the current year's Free and Reduced Lunch status). Free and Reduced Lunch status will be verified by AAPS after a "Waiver of Confidentiality" is signed.
2. Hardship waivers are accepted for students who do not qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch but who need financial assistance. Please briefly explain on the waiver request form the reason for the hardship request.

Scholarship requests, both Free and Reduced Lunch status and hardship waivers are available at the middle and high schools.

If you have any questions please contact the Athletic Director at the high school or the Athletic Coordinator at the middle school.

Sincerely,
Dr. Patricia Green
Superintendent