

## Student Athletic Fee Information



### Why a student athletic fee?

Guilford County Schools values the important life and character-building lessons our students learn through school athletics and is proud of the hard work and dedication of our student athletes.

Currently, the district spends approximately \$609 per student athlete each year. Unfortunately, we can no longer afford to do so and maintain our core academic programs.

That's why we're asking families of our student athletes to pay \$45 per year, regardless of the number of sports the student plays.

### General Guidelines

- The Guilford County Board of Education approved an annual fee of \$45 for each athlete regardless of the number of sports played.
- A student enrolled in an early college, middle college, or other school without a sports program will pay the fee at the student's base sports school.
- No athletic fees will be collected by schools until after tryouts and the coach has placed the student on the team roster.
- Students whose families cannot afford the one-time athletic fee may apply for a waiver. (See Waiver Process for more details.)
- The fee does not guarantee playing time.
- The fee does not guarantee a team's schedule will include a certain number of contests.

### Payment Options

- Pay online by credit card using the link on your school's website or directly to [www.k12paymentcenter.com](http://www.k12paymentcenter.com).
- Pay at the school office with cash, check or money order for \$45 per student athlete. (Make check or money order payable to the school)

### Refunds

- Refunds will not be given if a student athlete quits a team, is dismissed from a team, withdraws from the school, or is injured during a practice and/or contest and cannot play.
- Refunds in other circumstances beyond district and/or family control will be decided on a case-by-case basis.
- *Exception: A student athlete who pays the fee for a sport that is cancelled by the school prior to the first contest will receive a refund.*

### Waiver Process

- Students/families who cannot afford the fee may request a waiver from the GCS director of athletics by submitting an "***Athletic Fee Waiver Request***" along with supporting documentation.
- No students are automatically eligible for a fee waiver. A waiver request must be completed and approved.
- A separate "***Athletic Fee Waiver Request***" must be submitted for each student athlete in the family.

### Fee and/or Waiver Deadline

- A student athlete who makes a team must pay the athletic fee or be approved for a waiver prior to the first regular season contest in their sport.
- **A student athlete who has not paid the fee or met waiver criteria by the first regular season contest will be removed from participating in practices and contests.**
- A student may rejoin their team once the athletic fee is paid or approved for a waiver.