

# Farmington Public Schools

## "Excellence in Athletics"

"Scholarship Sportsmanship Performance"

### Interscholastic Athletic Activity Fees – 2011-2012

#### General Information

The Board of Education has adopted a plan to partially fund the athletic program that is both legal and reasonable in respect to the financial conditions of the district.

The 2011/12 athletic funding will be provided by a combination of revenues from **admissions to contests** and **student fees** paid by participating student athletes and **general fund allocated money**.

Special provisions MAY BE MADE for students whose families may be financially unable to afford the fee.

The Board intends to offer a program open to seventh through twelfth grade students.

The individual will pay a **one time per year sports fee** that would entitle that student to participate in any sport without an additional participation fee.

- a. The High School Fee will be set at \$300.00 for the school year, with a family cap of \$600.00.
- b. The Middle School Fee will be set at \$150.00 for the school year, with a middle school family cap of \$300.00.
- c. A combined middle school/high school cap is set at \$600. No family should pay more than \$600.
- d. The proposed fee will extend the precedent established several years ago when the board approved participation fees for new sports including hockey, lacrosse, downhill skiing and bowling. These sport fees are determined separately.

**CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
OR MAY BE PAID ON-LINE THROUGH PAYSCHOOLS (link below)  
[www.farmington.k12.mi.us/district/athletics/pay\\_to\\_participate.php](http://www.farmington.k12.mi.us/district/athletics/pay_to_participate.php)**

The individual fees must be paid by the first day of official practice for each team. Fees will be collected by the coach.

There will be no refunds of the participation fee unless the student athlete suffers a season ending injury after the first contest of the season. A physician's letter must accompany any such request.

All students must pay the designated fee. If team or school booster clubs raise funds to defray all or part of the individual fee, the collected funds will be equally refunded to each student who had previously paid the required fee. (Through arrangement with the Athletic Director, pre-payment reduced fees may be arranged.)

The athletic activity fee in no way guarantees contest playing time for an athlete. Student athletes will continue to be required to meet all obligations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the Farmington Public Schools Student Handbook and the Student Athletic Code of Conduct.

#### Financial Assistance

The Board does not want students to be denied the opportunity to participate. Any student who wishes to participate, but is unable to because of finances, should complete a Free/Reduced Lunch Application form available from the building main office. The completed form is to be returned to the main office. A Free/Reduced Lunch "Sharing information with other programs" must be completed and returned to the Food Service Department. Special provisions MAY BE considered at this time.

Participation in athletic activities assists our students in becoming well rounded individuals, and offers increased opportunities for students to be successful. We hope you will work with us as we implement these necessary changes. Thank you for your consideration. Concerns or questions should be addressed to the Department of Athletics, 248/489-3352.