

FAQ

Family Cap for Extracurricular Activities for the 2013-14 School Year

Q: Do the participation fees paid for activities during the 2013-14 fall season count toward the family cap?

A: Yes, any fee paid in full for interscholastic athletics (grades 7-12) or marching band count towards the family cap.

Q: What is the definition of a household for the purposes of applying/qualifying for the family cap?

A: Students residing at the same physical address and sharing a common parent/guardian are considered a household when applying/qualifying for a family cap. The current physical address in the student's record is the address that is used for applying/qualifying for the family cap.

Q: My team conducted fundraising to help offset participation fees; do those dollars count towards the family cap?

A: Yes, any fundraising dollars used in conjunction with dollars used from the participant's family count toward the family cap.

Q: My family was awarded an Athletic Participation Fee Scholarship from the Community Foundation; do those dollars count towards the family cap?

A: Yes, as long as the participant's family paid their portion of the participation fee, the entire amount of the participation fee is counted towards the family cap.

Q: My student(s) participate in club sports or other club activities; do those fees count towards the family cap?

A: No, only interscholastic athletics offered through the district athletic department, marching band and winter guard are eligible to count towards the family cap for the 2013-14 school year.

Q: Do the school fees paid for academic classes count towards the family cap?

A: No, only extracurricular fees paid for interscholastic athletics offered through the district athletic department, marching band and winter guard are eligible to count towards the family cap for the 2013-14 school year.

Q: Is the family cap automatically applied to my student(s) account(s)?

A: No, a parent/guardian of the household must submit the family cap form to the athletic or main office of the building in which the oldest participant attends. For example, if a family has students in both junior high and high school that participate in extracurricular activities, the form must be submitted to the high school athletic office in which the student attends.

Q: If I believe my family has exceeded the cap during the 2013-14 fall season for our family size, would I receive a refund for any amount above the cap?

A: Possibly. The family must submit the family cap form for verification. Upon verification, if the family has any outstanding fees for non-extracurricular activities, any overage would be applied to those fees first before a refund would be issued. If no other fees are owed, the full refund will be given.

Q: When can I submit a family cap form for consideration/verification?

A: The family cap form can be submitted to the appropriate athletic office any time after November 5, 2013. However, in order to be considered for the 2013-14 school year, all forms must be submitted to the appropriate office no later than May 16, 2014. Forms submitted after that date will not be considered for the 2013-14 school year.

Q: If my family has an outstanding balance for fees that are not extracurricular related, does that impact my ability to qualify for a family cap?

A: If families have outstanding balances for school fees, those must be paid in full before a family cap for extracurricular activities will be applied. If families have questions or concerns about non-extracurricular fees, please see your building principal to discuss.

Q: How is the family cap applied to my student(s) account(s)?

A: The student(s) would be invoiced the current fee (\$550 for high school and/or \$350 for junior high school) and once the family cap has been applied for and approved, a family cap payment code (credit) would be applied to the student(s) account(s). Any remaining balance would be the responsibility of the family to pay in order to continue participation in the activity. Examples are listed below.

Example I – Family Size - One Student Participant – Family Cap \$800

- High school student played soccer in the fall
- High school student selected to play basketball in the winter

Family Cap	\$800
<u>Soccer Fee Paid</u>	<u>- \$550</u>
Amount Remaining to Reach Cap	\$250
Basketball Fee Invoiced	\$550
Family Payment Applied	- \$250
<u>Family Cap Credit Applied</u>	<u>- \$300</u>
Balance Remaining	\$0*

*If this student decides to participate in a spring sport, the total family cap credit given would be \$550 and the family would not have to pay participation fees.

Example II – – Family Size - Three Student Participants – Family Cap \$1600

- Student #1 ran junior high cross country in the fall
- Student #2 played junior high golf in the fall
- Student #3 participated in high school marching band in the fall
- Student #3 wants to participate in winter guard during the winter season

Family Cap	\$1600
Student # 1 - JHS Cross Country Fee Paid	- \$350
Student # 2 - JHS Golf Fee Paid	- \$350
<u>Student # 3 – HS Marching Band Fees Paid</u>	<u>- \$550</u>
Amount Remaining to Reach Cap	\$350
Winter Guard Fee Invoiced	\$550
Family Payment Applied	- \$350
<u>Family Cap Credit Applied</u>	<u>- \$200</u>
Balance Remaining	\$0*

* Students #1 & #2 are eligible to play any winter or spring sport at the junior high and without paying participation fees. Student #3 would be able to participate in any spring sport without paying participation fees.

Example III – – Family Size - Two Student Participants – Family Cap \$1200

- Student #1 played high school football and qualified for an Athletic Participation Fee Scholarship from the Community Foundation
- Student #2 was selected to play high school basketball and the team had a fundraiser to help offset participation fees

Family Cap	\$1200
Student # 1 – Football Family Paid	- \$275
<u>Student # 1 – Football Community Foundation Scholarship</u>	<u>- \$275</u>
Amount Remaining to Reach Cap	\$650
Basketball Fee Invoiced	\$550
Student #2 – Basketball Team Fundraising Credit Applied	-\$150
<u>Student #2 – Basketball Family Paid</u>	<u>- \$400</u>
Amount Remaining to Reach Cap	\$100

* The family would only have to pay \$100 for either or both students to participate in another extracurricular activity listed above in the winter or spring.