

Red River Charter Academy Student Fee Policy

Red River Charter Academy believes in offering an excellent education for all students. It further believes the inability to pay student fees should not prevent students from having access to a quality education, and economically disadvantaged students and students whose families are experiencing economic hardships should have the same opportunities afforded them as to other students.

The following is a list of student fees. All fees are collected in the school's main office and may be paid in cash, with a check, money order or certified check. Collected fees are used to defray the costs of the referenced supply, activity, or experience.

Fee	Amount	When Due
Uniform Fee	\$10	When uniform items are picked up.
Extracurricular Fee	\$5	When the extracurricular activity begins.
Locker Fee (7 th and 8 th only)	\$5	When supplies are distributed or picked up
Classroom Supply Fee	\$15	When supplies are distributed or picked up
Exploratory Arts Supply/Equipment Fee	\$20	When supplies/equipment are received

Families who would like to request an economic hardship waiver of a fee may do so by alerting the front office and speaking with the school's secretary. Waiver requests will be approved or denied based on a family's demonstrated financial need. A student or his/her parent or legal guardian may request and receive a waiver of payment of a fee due to economic hardship. Waivers of fees shall be granted based on objective criteria relative to the student or his/her family, as listed below:

1. Qualifies for Homeless Services
2. Is in foster care or is caring for foster children
3. Experiences any other catastrophic financial event.

A written request for a waiver of fees shall be submitted to the principal of the school or his/her designee for consideration. Proof of eligibility shall be included with the fee waiver request. A written decision on the waiver request shall be rendered within five (5) school days of the date of receipt of the request. Should the initial request to the principal of the school for a waiver be denied, a written appeal may be made to the Executive Director, who shall respond to the appeal in writing within five (5) school days of the receipt of the appeal. All requests for economic hardship waivers of student fees and any and all supporting documentation used in considering the validity of any request for a waiver shall be confidential.

No student will ever be denied participation because of a lack of ability to pay a fee. Nor will students be denied any other academic opportunity because of a lack of ability to pay a fee. Furthermore, failure to pay any required fee shall not result in the withholding of a student's educational record. No fees not authorized by this policy shall be assessed.