

Portage Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Portage Public Schools 6-12 student(s):

Portage Public Schools, along with most school districts in Michigan, made significant cost reductions as a result of a decrease in the per-pupil funding from the State of Michigan. Unfortunately, for the 2011/12 school year, we face further reductions in State funding. Rather than eliminate extra-curricular programs, we are implementing a Pay to Participate plan which will help to subsidize the current programs.

Fees for the 2011/12 school year will be as follows:

This will be a one-time, annual fee – per student - regardless of the number of extra-curricular activities in which a student participates. The actual fee calculation can be determined on the attached worksheet. The fees are:

- \$150 per high school participant (\$275 maximum per family if all participants are high school age)
 - \$75 per middle school participant (\$125 maximum per family if all participants are middle school age)
- (\$275 maximum per family if participants in the family are a combination of high school and middle school age.)

Students who are participating in activities that are already “self-funded” (boys ice hockey, boys and girls bowling, boys water polo and boys and girls lacrosse) will pay a reduced fee as noted on the attached worksheet.

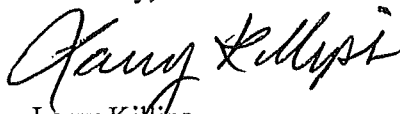
Reduced rates are available for families who demonstrate financial need. - In order to apply for reduced rates, families must apply on-line at www.lunchapp.com. This application is the same document used for free and reduced lunch benefits. Families who meet the qualifications on the application will then have access to reduced rates for breakfast, lunch and Pay to Participate activities.

Attached is a Pay to Participate worksheet which is required to be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. The form and payment must be returned to the school **prior to the first competition/performance**. Please follow the direction of the activity advisor, coach and/or your school’s athletic department for the appropriate place to submit these items. If the participation fee is not paid in full by the first competition/performance the student will not be allowed to practice and/or participate until it is paid. **Payment can be made by check (payable to: Portage Public Schools) or online at www.portageps.org by clicking on the “Pay to Participate” link. The online payment option should be available beginning Monday, August 8th.**

We appreciate your continued support. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact the school’s office at:

NHS	323-5456	NMS	323-5756
CHS	323-5256	CMS	323-5663
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Sincerely,



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