

Fees

A student fee schedule is in effect for all students in the McFarland School District, and varies based on the courses and activities in which the student is involved. All grade levels will have associated fees. You are able to pay all fees on-line through the Infinite Campus Portal. Simply log into the Portal and select Payments from the menu along the left-hand side of your screen. You can use your checking account, savings account, Visa or MasterCard. If you use your checking account to make payments through Infinite Campus, you will not be charged a convenience fee. If you use a credit card (Visa or MasterCard accepted) or a debit card, you will be charged a \$2.00 convenience fee. Please note the convenience fee is the card fee that is charged to the district by the credit card companies. You may also pay via cash or check at individual school buildings with checks being made to the "McFarland School District."

Unpaid Fees:

All K-8 student fees for the year and 9-12 student fees for the first semester must be paid by the 2nd Friday of October. If the required fees are not paid by these dates, the following information applies:

- Prior Year Fees – Unpaid student fees accumulate from one year to another. The student is not permitted to participate in any secondary co-curricular activity until fees are paid, a payment plan is established, or the fees are waived or reduced. Once the level of unpaid fees reaches \$500 per family, the District retains the option of seeking payment through small claims court or through a collection agency.
- A student will no longer be able to participate in an elective educational opportunity or a non-educational activity for which the payment of charges is necessary until such time as the payment has been made.
- Students will not be denied participation in educational programs for failure to pay fees. Schedules, report cards or diplomas may not be withheld for non-payment of fees.
- High school seniors with unpaid fees will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies and will not be granted senior privileges.
- Current year athletic or other elective co-curricular activity, fees must be waived or paid in full before a student is issued a uniform or permitted to play/scrimmage/participate in the sport or allowed to participate in other co-curricular activities. This restriction includes the privilege to participate in graduation ceremonies, prom, dances, homecoming, and other noneducational activities.

Payment Plans:

- If you intend to pay fees, but are unable to pay in full by the above deadlines, you must contact each Principal of the school(s) to which the fees apply and request a payment plan. The decision regarding whether a payment plan will be granted is made by each Principal.

Fee Waivers:

Families who are not able to pay all or a portion of the fees due to financial issues must follow the following procedure:

1. The Principal will automatically waive the required student fees for those students for who qualify for free or reduced meals as verified through the following steps:
 - a. The Parent/Guardian completes the **"Free and Reduced Meals Application,"** which can be found on our district website and is available in all of the district buildings, and turn it into the school office.
 - b. The Parent/Guardian signs the **"Sharing of Information with Other Programs" document,** which can also be found on our district website and is available in all of the district and school buildings. Please be sure to check the line that states that you want school officials to share information from your Free and Reduced Meals Application to the McFarland School District Administration for purposes of "school fees, textbook fees, and field trip fee waiver or reduction." Please turn this form into the school office.
2. Parents/Guardians who do not qualify for Free or Reduced Meals may contact the Principal to request a fee waiver. The Principal may choose to grant a fee waiver based on the specific situation and any extenuating circumstances.