MSD: Activity Fee Collection, Optional-Cost Controls, and Fee-Waiver Privacy

Board-approved fees are subject to the fee waiver requirements of this policy. A cost described as optional shall not be administered in a manner that makes the item necessary for team inclusion, participation, recognition, or full participation in a school activity unless the cost has been properly approved as a fee and is administered consistently with fee waiver law. Coaches, advisors, and activity supervisors should avoid requiring or implying that students must purchase optional clothing, spirit packs, or similar items that are not required for participation.

Activity fees and payments shall be coordinated through the school financial office or another approved District accounting process. Coaches and advisors are responsible to coordinate with the principal and financial secretary to ensure that applicable fees are approved, disclosed, receipted, and accounted for before participation in contests or activities as required by District practice. Students whose fees have been waived or paid shall be treated as paid through office documentation without public identification or stigma.

Source: MSD School Transparency Packet, Full Disclosure of School Participation Fees and Athletics and Activities Annual Financial Acknowledgement, 2024; MSD Policy 2100, approved 2025.