

**Program Participation Fee
2010-11**

Beginning in the 2010 - 2011 school year athletes will be charged a program participation fee per sport, per season. This fee will be based on the number of athletic trips their team takes during the season.

- \$15 for 10 or less athletic trips
- \$30 for 11 or more athletic trips

The money collected will go to central office to help offset transportation, program costs and other related expenses

The fees will be collected by the athletic department prior to the first athletic contest each season.

Why is Hamilton Southeastern Schools moving to a "Program Participation Fee"?

In November 2009, Hamilton Southeastern Schools was approved for a \$5.5 million dollar operating referendum. Why are we asking students to pay for extra curricular offering (ECA's)?

Although HSE is receiving additional funding from the referendum, the state announced in January, 2010, HSE schools would lose \$4.5 million from state funding, almost wiping out the benefit of the referendum.

How will the participation fees be used?

The participation fees will be used to offset transportation costs, program costs and other related expenses.

Will the program participation fees be higher next year?

It is very likely the fees will be higher in 2011-2012. The state continues to fall short of their revenue estimate, which means we are anticipating deeper cuts next year.

Will all students be expected to pay the participation fee?

Yes, all students participating in extra-curricular activities will be required to pay the fee. Participation in extra-curricular activities is optional and is not a state requirement. Therefore, in order to continue to provide the same level and quality of programs, we will be forced to look for alternative revenue such as participation fees.

Will I pay more than once if I am a multi-sport athlete?

Yes, this fee is per sport, per season.

When is this program participation fee due?

The fee is due and will be collected prior to the first athletic contest each season.

Will every athlete pay the same amount?

No, fees will be based on the number of athletic trips

Does the Program Participation Fee mean your child will be given equal playing time?

No, the player participation fee is being used to support the program and does not guarantee playing time.