# **Policy Statement**

Collegiate Academies (CA) schools provide robust and effective programming to scholars across academic, social, extracurricular, athletic, and other domains. As public schools, CA will strive to create these programs with minimal contributions (fees) from families and participating students. All fees requested from families will be communicated to families as early as possible, and a clear waiver process will be made available to ensure no undue economic hardship is caused by student fees (fees are recommended, not mandatory). In no case will any fee prohibited by local, state, or federal law be authorized by Collegiate Academies leadership. In no case will students be denied or delayed admission to any instructional activity or have their educational records withheld due to failure to pay a fee.

### **List of Fees**

The 2022-23 fees for all Collegiate Academies schools are outlined in Appendix A. This list includes the purpose and use of fees, and the amount of each fee.

### **Collection of Fees**

- School Leaders (or their designee) will create a description of all fees to be collected by the school. Schools will make every effort to communicate these fees before the beginning of each academic year and will communicate any updates via school website, direct family communication, or other appropriate means.
- School Leaders (or their designee) will collect fees from families and/or scholars. The standard methods of payment are credit card (in person or via our Square Store) or money orders. Cash is not preferred but will also be accepted. Personal checks are not accepted.
- The school will generate a receipt or other documentation of the transaction for the school's records and for those of the family.

## **Spending of Fees**

School Leaders (or their designee) will determine the appropriate use for funds collected via student fees and will be responsible for clearly communicating these plans to students and families. Typical uses of fees include uniforms and/or equipment for athletic and co-curricular organizations; participation in special events such as Homecoming or Senior celebrations; and other supplementary programming that complements the core mission of the school.

### **Economic Hardship Waiver**

Collegiate Academies seeks to balance fairness (i.e., all participating students should pay the same fee) with equity and an acknowledgement of economic hardship facing many families in the communities that we serve. As such, School Leaders (or their designee) will offer fee reductions and waivers to students and families who complete the following steps:

- Make a good faith effort to pay the full fee, including by requesting additional time and/or a
  payment plan.
- Request a waiver or fee reduction from the School Leader (or designee)
- Provide additional documentation requested by the School Leader (or designee)



• Commit to informing the School Leader (or designee) if the family's economic circumstances change and the fee is able to be paid later in the academic year

The Louisiana Department of Education provides the follow examples of a family status that may be grounds to grant a waiver: families receiving unemployment benefits or public assistance, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Medicaid; foster families caring for children in foster care; and families that are homeless. School Leaders may use these indicators and other information to make their determination.

School Leaders (or their designee) will communicate the decision regarding a waiver on a rolling basis directly to families. If a family wishes to appeal a waiver request, they should contact Collegiate Academies Superintendent/CEO, Jerel Bryant at jbryant@collegiateacademies.org. In reviewing the decision, the Superintendent may uphold or reverse the decision of the School Leader (or designee); however, the Superintendent of Collegiate Academies review is final. Decisions will be communicated in writing within five (5) days.

# Appendix A

School	Budget Type/Name	Amount Per Student	Use of Fee	Dues Deadline(s)
Abramson	Volleyball Team fee	\$100	Jersey,shoes,knee pads,socks.	8/2/22
Abramson	Football Team Fee	Free to join, uniform purchase required to play	Uniforms, pads, mouthguard, etc.	10/1/22
Abramson	Basketball Team Fee (Boys)	\$250	shoes,socks,duffle bag,shorts	12/1/22
Abramson	Dance Team Fee	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	uniform,jog suit,shoes,make-up	10/1/22
Abramson	Drill Team Fee	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	Uniforms, marching equipment	10/1/22
Abramson	Homecoming Fee	\$350	Homecoming attire, limo	10/1/22
Abramson	Senior Budget	\$250 - \$550	Basic or Full Senior Package	Due in full by 2/1/23
Abramson	Basketball Team Fee (Girls)	\$250	shoes,socks,duffle bag,shorts	12/1/22
Abramson	Cheer Fee	\$525.50	uniforms	1) 1st Payment - 6/28/22 2) 2nd Payment - 8/31/22
Abramson	Band Fee	\$100	mouth piece, music accessories	10/1/22
Abramson	Flag Team Fee	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	uniforms, and accessories	10/1/22
Abramson	Majorette Team Fee	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	uniform,and accessories	10/1/22
Collegiate Baton Rouge	Football Team Fee	\$150.00	uniforms, transportation, meals	\$75 by 7/15; \$75 by 8/1
Collegiate Baton Rouge	Cheer Team	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	uniforms, shoes, etc.	N/A
Collegiate Baton Rouge	Girls Basketball	\$100.00	uniforms, transportation, meals	10/15
Collegiate Baton Rouge	Boys Basketball	\$100.00	uniforms, transportation, meals	10/15
Collegiate Baton Rouge	Volleyball	\$75.00	uniforms, transportation, meals	8/15
Collegiate Baton Rouge	Lady Dolphins Dance Team	Free to join, uniform purchase required to march	uniforms, shoes, etc.	N/A
Collegiate Baton Rouge	Boys + Girls Track	\$100.00	Uniforms, transportation, meals	2/15

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Collegiate Baton Rouge	Senior Budget	\$300.00	graduation materials, gear	To be distributed by 12th Grade Level Lead
GW Carver	Senior Budget	\$500	graduation + senior activities + senior memorabilia	December 1, 2022
GW Carver	Homecoming Court - Girls	\$750	all outfits worn for the game, dance, and pep rally t-shirt, 2 dance tickets, 2 game tickets, parade fees	Immediately following Homecoming Court voting
GW Carver	Homecoming Court - Queen	\$1,100	all outfits worn for the game, dance, and pep rally t-shirt, 1 dance tickets, 2 game tickets, parade fees	Immediately following Homecoming Court voting
GW Carver	Homecoming Court - Boys	\$700	all outfits worn for the game, dance, and pep rally t-shirt, 1 dance tickets, 2 game tickets, parade fees	Immediately following Homecoming Court voting
GW Carver	Homecoming Court - King	\$700	all outfits worn for the game, dance, and pep rally t-shirt, 1 dance tickets, 2 game tickets, parade fees	Immediately following Homecoming Court voting
GW Carver	Cheerleading Team	\$1,200	Black Uniform, Poms, Orange Briefs, Bow, Cheer Bag, Orange Shell	October 1, 2022
GW Carver	Dance Team	\$450	Uniforms, shoes, tights, jacket	October 1, 2022
GW Carver	Boys Basketball	\$150	Warm-ups, shoes, t-shirt, bag	December 1, 2022
GW Carver	Boys and Girls Track Team	\$150	Warm-ups, shoes, t-shirt, bag	February 1, 2023
GW Carver	Girls Basketball	\$150	Warm-ups, shoes, t-shirt, bag	December 1, 2022
GW Carver	Majorettes team	\$400	Uniforms, shoes, tights, jacket	October 1, 2022
GW Carver	Band Members	\$150	T-Shirt, Windsuit	October 1, 2022
Livingston	Senior Budget	\$500	Graduation materials and supplies	Due in full by 2/1/23
Livingston	Football, volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball, track	\$200	Athletic uniforms, work out gear	Varies by team
Livingston	Cheerleading	\$540	Cheer uniforms and other supplies	11/15/2022
Livingston	Band	\$200	Band uniform cleaning, warm up gear, other supplies	10/1/2022
Livingston	Dance Team	\$200	Dance team uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2022

Livingston	Majorettes	\$200	Majorette team uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2022
Livingston	Flag Team	\$200	Flag team uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2022
Livingston	Drill Squad	\$200	Drill squad uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2022
Livingston	Grade Level Budgets (9th-11th)	\$100	Class shirts and student activities	10/1/2022
Rosenwald	All Sports Team Members	35	Uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2022
Rosenwald	Individual Team Fees: \$50-\$300 (varies depending on sport)	\$50-\$300	Varies depending on sport; uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2022
Rosenwald	Band Fee & Marching Unit Fee:	\$100-\$350	Varies depending on which part of marching unit students will participate in; uniforms and other supplies	10/1/2022
Rosenwald	Senior Fees:	\$350	Graduation supplies and ceremony	2/1/23