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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The following Student Activity Fee structure for **ALL STUDENTS in Grades 6-12** for the School Year 2016-17 was approved by the School Committee. **Grade 7 Students** who participate in High School Sports will be assessed at the High School fee level. (Field Hockey, Boys Soccer, Boys Track, Girls Track and Golf, etc.).

Students participating in a Co-op Team will pay an additional fee payable to the **Host School**.

Fees are payable in FULL by August 12, 2016 – there are No Payment Plans

The fees collected will be used to subsidize student activities, including athletics, in combination with the school budget. A question and answer sheet about the student activity fees is included with this letter.

Student Activity Fees

	1st Child	Other Children
Maynard High School	\$400	\$200
Fowler School, Gr. 6 - 8	\$200	\$100
Families that meet Federal income guidelines (Free/Reduced Students)	\$100 – High School \$75 – Fowler School	\$50 – High School \$37.50 – Fowler School

Notes: The first child is assessed the higher fee and all siblings are assessed the appropriate lower fee.

Your child will not be allowed to participate in any of the following activities unless this fee is paid. This includes:

Maynard High School - Activities Covered by Fees

Athletics (Football, Field Hockey, Soccer, Golf, Basketball, Hockey, Cheerleading, Softball, Baseball, Track)	International Club
Drama	WAVM
Music Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, ACapella, Madrigals	Yearbook
Peer Leaders	

Fowler School - Activities Covered by Fees

Athletics	Drama
Jazz Band	WAVM
Yearbook	

Participation/membership in academic, competitive, honorary programs and student government are excluded from fees.

Question and Answer Guide to Student Activity Fees

1. Who will pay a Student Activity Fee?

ALL students in **Grades 6-12**, home schoolers and students from other schools who participate in Maynard extra-curricular activities (e.g., Music, Athletics, WAVM, etc.) will pay the Student Activity fee. **Grade 7 Students** who participate in High School Sports will be assessed at the High School fee level. There will no reduction in fee for Grade 6 students who are only in WAVM or Grade 7 students who only play a High School Sport.

2. When will payment of the fees be due?

The fees will be payable by August 12, 2016.

3. What activities will be supported by the Student Activity Fees?

See chart on front page.

4. How will the fees be used? How will the activities be supported?

The fees will be used to offset the costs (salaries and expenses) for extra-curricular student activities, including athletics, thus reducing the amount of funds needed in the school budget for activities. For example, the total cost for activities is approximately \$350,000. If \$100,000 is collected in Student Fees, the remaining \$250,000 will be expended from the school budget.

5. Will the fees cover the full cost of the activities?

No. The school budget will contain most of the costs as noted in question #3. Also, personal items, including some clothing, protective gear, and personal equipment, may be required, at additional family expense, for participation in some activities.

6. How will the funds be apportioned between the various activities?

The funds will not be used to subsidize any specific activities, but rather used to offset the costs of all activities.

7. How much will the fees be?

See chart on front page.

8. Will families who need assistance be accommodated?

- a. Upon request, families that meet Federal income guidelines will pay a reduced amount per child.
- b. In extraordinary circumstances, the Principal may grant further reduction in fees.
- c. At the High School level, students may apply for assistance from "Remembering Maynard's Own" Committee. Applications are available in the High School Office.

9. What happens if a student does not pay the fee?

The student will not be allowed to participate in any extracurricular activity, including athletics. Students in Grades 9-12 will be assessed a separate yearly fee for class dues, currently \$30 per year.

10. What happens if a student moves out of the District after paying the fee?

If a student moves out before January 1, fifty percent (50%) of the fee will be returned. After January 1, there will be no refund of the fee.

11. What happens if a student moves into the District?

If a student moves into the District before January 1, the full fee will be assessed and be payable within 30 days. If a student moves into the District after January 1, fifty percent (50%) of the fee will be assessed and payable within 30 days.

12. What happens if a student tries out for a team and is cut from the team – will the activity fee be returned?

Yes, if this is the ONLY activity or sport the student tries out for. Athletic rosters and club member lists will be reviewed weekly to be sure all participants have paid their fee.

13. What happens if a student quits the team or club – will the activity fee be returned?

No, the fee will not be returned.

You should complete the form at the bottom of this page, make your check payable to **MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS** and send it to:

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
3-R Tiger Drive
Maynard, MA 01754

ATTN: Student Fee

Or, you can bring your payment to the **Lockbox at the entrance of 3-R Tiger Drive.**, Mon-Fri. from 8:00 a.m.to 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call your child's school:

Fowler School	978-897-6700,
Maynard High	978-897-8891, or
Business Office	978-897-8251

Our forms are on-line at <http://www.maynardschools.org>

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR CHECK

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