



# HRCS Student Fees Policy

## Overview

High Rockies Community School (HRCS) is committed to providing equitable access to all students, regardless of their financial status. HRCS will assess only those fees allowed by law, clearly communicate them to families, and ensure that waivers are available for qualifying students. All fees will be used solely for the purposes listed in the HRCS fee schedule and approved by the Board of Directors. No student shall be denied access to the core academic program due to non-payment of fees.

## Permissible Fees

HRCS may charge fees in the following categories:

- Tuition-Based Programs
  - Preschool tuition (for non-UPK slots)
- Instructional Materials and Supplies
  - Fees for expendable classroom materials used directly by students (e.g., sketchbooks, science lab kits)
  - Textbook damage or loss deposits for students not qualifying for free or reduced-price meals
- Outdoor and Expeditionary Learning Supplies
  - Field guides, journals, and replacement items for extended outdoor learning
  - Use of specialized gear provided by the school (e.g., snowshoes, camping equipment)
- Voluntary Enrichment Activities
  - Clubs, athletics, and extracurriculars
  - Overnight expeditions or extended day trips (transportation, meals, entry fees, equipment rental)
- Community & Evening Programs
  - Optional summer learning or enrichment courses
  - After-school programs or tutoring

## Fee Schedule

A full student fee schedule will be adopted annually by the HRCS Board of Directors and made publicly available. The schedule will include:

- A description of each fee
- The amount
- Whether the fee is voluntary or mandatory
- Whether the fee is required for participation in a course or activity

### **Waiver of Fees**

HRCS shall waive all mandatory fees for students who meet any of the following:

- Eligible for free or reduced-price lunch
- Experiencing homelessness
- In foster care
- Have transportation as a related service in their IEP (for transportation fees)

To request a waiver, families must contact the Head of School. All waiver requests are handled confidentially to prevent unnecessary embarrassment or exposure.

### **Communication**

HRCS will notify families of:

- The annual student fee schedule
- How to apply for a fee waiver
- Their right to access all instructional components without fee barriers

Fee schedules and waiver processes will be provided:

- During enrollment
- At the beginning of each school year
- On the school website and in handbooks

### **No Withholding of Records**

HRCS shall not withhold transcripts, grades, or enrollment documentation for unpaid fees, fines, or lost/damaged property.

### **Fee Schedule – Total Amount: \$150**

<b>Item/Activity</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Voluntary/ Mandatory</b>	<b>Participation Requirement</b>
Physical Education Fee	\$50	Covers the cost of athletic activities and enrichment classes for the year through the South Park Recreation Center	Mandatory	Needed for full academic participation
Instructional Supplies	\$60	Covers cost of notebooks, general classroom	Mandatory	Needed for full academic participation

		supplies, pens, pencils, paper.		
Field Trip & Family Campout Supplies	\$60	Covers entrance fees, reservation costs and supplies for field trips and campout activities	Voluntary	Not required for participation in the activity

### **Miscellaneous Charges**

In addition to the fees outlined above, HRCS may charge for the following miscellaneous activities and services, which are optional or incidental. These fees will be communicated in advance and will be voluntary unless otherwise noted. Examples could include:

- Communal meals at Family Campouts
- Special event participation fees (e.g., fundraising dinners, holiday performances)
- Any additional costs associated with optional school activities not included in the regular fee schedule

### **Legal References**

- Colo. Const. Art. IX, Section 2  
C.R.S. §§ 22-32-109, 22-32-110, 22-32-117, 22-32-118, 22-45-104
- CSI Student Fee Policy (Revised January 16, 2018)