



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
Application for Waiver of Athletic Participation Fee

In June 2010, the Board of Education initially approved participation fees for middle and high school athletic participation. In July 2017 participation fees were adjusted. Middle school students pay a fee of \$75 and high school students pay a fee of \$125 for each interscholastic sports season in which they participate on one or more teams. Payment of this fee is required by a deadline which is established for each sports season.

In June 2014, the Board of Education approved CMS to participate in the federal Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The CEP eliminates the need for a district to qualify students for free and reduced-price meals and track which students are participating. Students are identified as directly certified (through data matching) for free meals because they live in households that participate in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TNAF), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), as well as children who are qualified for free schools meals without submitting a school meal application because of their status as being in foster care, enrolled in Head Start, homeless, runaway, or migrant students.

A student-athlete who is directly certified automatically qualifies for a participation fee waiver. A directly certified student-athlete must provide a copy of their notification letter from CMS Child Nutrition confirming their status.

A student who attends a CEP school but is not directly certified may, if they qualify, complete the Application for Need Based Assistance form accompanied by proof of total household income (pay stub, tax return, etc.). The Application for Need Based Assistance form serves in place of the free and reduced lunch approval letter. This is the only second option for a waiver for a CEP school.

A student who attends a non-CEP school and is not directly certified may apply for free and reduced lunch status (FRL). A student at a non-CEP school who is approved for FRL will have their participation fee waived. A family will receive a notification letter from CMS Child Nutrition if their child is approved for free and reduced lunch. Waiver process can change during the year due to family situations and new letters will be sent to the home address.

If you wish to apply for a fee waiver, please fill out the information below and return this form to your child's athletic director or athletic coach. Partially completed forms will not be accepted.

A separate form must be filled out for each student-athlete for whom a waiver is requested.

Name of student [please print]
Student ID number [please print]
School [please print]
Parent/guardian name [please print]
Address [please print]
Number/Street City, State

I hereby apply for a waiver of the CMS athletic participation fee and affirm the information provided on and with this application is accurate.

Parent/Guardian (Print Name)

Parent/guardian signature

Date