

### **340 – Student Fee Policy**

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To allow George Washington Academy (GWA) to continue providing a first class education and an array of additional learning opportunities to our students, a fee schedule has been instituted for middle school students. These fees will help offset some costs, and maintain availability of programs. While we always try to keep fees reasonable and fully within reach of our GWA families, waivers are available where applicable.

#### **Application of Fees**

By Utah statute, fees may never be charged for grades K-5. Fees for older grades may be assessed for school materials, supplies, activities and programs. Fees at George Washington Academy will apply to grades 6-8. For a complete list of fees, please see GWA's Middle School Fees Schedule.

#### **Fee Requirements**

Fees will be due annually on a date determined by Administration. Payment of fees by this date guarantees a spot for the student in the next year's class. If fees are not paid in full by the date due, the student will not be guaranteed a spot in the next year's class. Late payment will only be accepted if the grade level classrooms are not already filled to capacity. Families facing hardship may apply for a waiver of student fees, according to the guidelines in the policy.

#### **Waivers**

It is the position of GWA that no student should be denied the opportunity to participate in a school activity because of an inability to pay a fee.

Fees may be waived for students who are in state custody or foster, receiving public assistance in the form of Aid to Families with Dependent Children or SSI, or who are eligible for free school lunch.

Families requesting waivers who do not meet the above criteria must apply for a hardship waiver from GWA Administration.

Determination of qualification for a waiver of fees will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Those applying for hardship waivers must provide documentation and certification of eligibility, including tax returns or current pay stubs.

If a waiver request is denied, the family may petition the Board for a secondary hearing.

#### **Payments**

All Student Fees are to be paid directly to the GWA office in the form of cash, check or through the school website if offered. Teachers are not allowed to accept Student Fee payments.

### **Refunds**

All fees are considered non-refundable. Therefore, students who withdraw from school at any time after a fee is paid will forfeit the fee to the school.