

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS - DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS
2016-17 PAY TO PARTICIPATE
INFORMATION SHEET

Rochester Community Schools will continue to assess a fee to all 7th – 12th grade students participating in interscholastic athletics for the 2016-17 school year.

The Pay to Participate Fees will continue to be assessed on a “per athlete per sport” basis. (Fall and Winter Cheer count as 2 separate sports.) The fee schedule is unchanged from the previous school year. The 2016-17 school year Pay to Participate Fees are as follows:

High School Pay to Participate Fee Schedule:

- \$195.00 per high school athlete for the 1st sport
- \$135.00 per high school athlete for the 2nd sport
- \$ 80.00 per high school athlete for the 3rd sport

Maximum fee per HS student athlete per year if participates in 3 sports: \$410.00

Middle School Pay to Participate Fee Schedule:

- \$100.00 per middle school athlete for the 1st sport
- \$100.00 per middle school athlete for the 2nd sport
- \$ 55.00 per middle school athlete for the 3rd sport
- No Charge per middle school athlete for the 4th sport

Maximum fee per MS student athlete per year if participates in 4 sports: \$255.00

- Payment for high school and middle school sports will be due following team try-outs. The coach will announce the date the fee is due. Fees can be paid online or with a check. The online receipt or check must be accompanied by the “Pay to Participate Contract” which the student will receive the first week of try-outs /practice. A student may not practice or participate in a scrimmage or contest until the fee and completed contract have been received by the coach or Athletic Director.
- ***To pay the fee online follow the link on the district athletic web page***
<https://www.rochester.k12.mi.us/pages/20076/athletics>
If you have questions please call Liz Cross, Athletic Secretary at 248-726-3138
- A reduction in the Pay to Participate Fee for athletics will be available to students with financial hardships. Participants in the Rochester Community Schools Free or Reduced Lunch Program will qualify for this reduction. **This information will be confidential.**

If you qualify for the Free Lunch Program, you do not pay a fee for the athletic team(s) you participate in for the 2016-17 school year. If you qualify for the Reduced Lunch Program, you must pay 25% of the Pay to Participate Fee.

Students must complete a Free/Reduced Lunch Program Form and a Consent to Share Form to apply for this reduction. These forms are available on the district website, at each high school and middle school main office and the Food Service Department at the RCS Administration Building. Send the completed forms to the Food Service Dept. at Rochester Community Schools, 501 W. University Drive, Rochester, MI 48307.

- There will be no refunds of the participation fee unless the student athlete suffers a season ending injury prior to the mid-point of the season, which precludes them from participating in one-half of the regularly scheduled contests. A medical authorization letter from a physician must accompany any such request. Request for refunds must be made to the building athletic director before the mid-point of the season.
- The participation fee in no way guarantees contest playing time for an athlete.
- Student athletes will continue to be required to meet all obligations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, the Rochester Community Schools Student Handbook and the Student Athlete Code of Conduct.
- A minimum number of team participants will be necessary for each sport team or the respective team may be discontinued.
- ***“A” Pass High School Students:*** Rochester Community Schools Athletic Department is proud to present the **“A” Pass**. The “A” (Athletic) Pass may **only** be purchased during registration prior to your Student ID Photo. **The cost is \$60.00** (No increase from 2015-16). You will be given a code card to show the photographer you have purchased the “A” pass. Your student ID will have a large **A** on it that will allow you admission to all home athletic contests at Adams, Rochester, & Stoney Creek High Schools for 2016-17 (excluding OAA and MHSAA tournaments; Onyx Ice Arena; Oakland University).
- **Admission prices to high school athletic events 2016-17: \$5.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students**, children ten (10) and under will be admitted free of charge when accompanied by an adult. There will be “ECONO” tickets available for purchase at the admission gates or high school athletic offices.
 - **Adult** ECONO ticket: \$45.00 for 15 admissions
 - **Student** ECONO ticket: \$40.00 for 20 admissions

The ECONO tickets may be used at Adams, Rochester or Stoney Creek home contests (excluding league tournaments and MHSAA tournament play; Onyx Ice Arena; Oakland University).

Participation in athletics assists our students in becoming well-rounded individuals and offers increased opportunities for students to be successful. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in keeping interscholastic sports a part of our children’s education at Rochester Community Schools.

Department of Athletics
 Rochester Community Schools
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