

Hello Parents:

Des Moines Public Schools, as a district, collects fees to help support students' needs in the classroom including textbooks and digital content. With the 16-17 school year rapidly approaching we wanted to make you aware of a change in our fee policy.

If you have a student that attends a Community Eligible and/or a former provision II school, (free breakfast and lunch), in previous years, all other school fees had been waived as well. Now, Community Eligibility only applies to meal status as indicated by the free and reduced meal application.

To be consistent as a district, beginning with the upcoming school year, the fee (textbook, etc.) waiver status will be based solely on household income. For example, you may not have paid textbook fees or even been aware that there were textbook fees in the past because your student attended a Community Eligible school. Beginning July 1, textbook fees will be assessed to all students at all schools. To qualify for a full or partial waiver of those fees, all families will be required to fill out the Household Economic Survey as part of the annual registration process. Based on the family household income indicated on the survey, those fees will either be fully waived, partially waived or not waived at all.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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