

STUDENTS,

HELP is available if you cannot afford to pay school fees. If you are eligible based on income verification, receive TANF (currently qualified for financial assistance or food stamps) or (SSI) Supplemental Security Income (QUALIFIED CHILD WITH DISABILITIES), or if you are in the custody of a Utah State or local governmental agency or foster care, you probably qualify for fee waivers (meaning that you will not be required to pay the fees). You may also be eligible for fee waivers if your family is having serious financial difficulties. **You may be required to perform community service in return for the waiver of fees other than textbook fees.** Your principal or counselor can give you more information about community service options. If fee waivers are sought for activities where students are required to participate in fund-raisers, all students will be expected to participate in group fund-raisers to the same extent for fees to be waived.

If you are required to apply for fee waivers by your school district, you will be asked, consistent with local board policies and/or guidelines and school district timelines, to provide documentation of your fee waiver eligibility.

If you qualify, ALL fees must be waived, including fees for registration, books, classes, sports, clubs, drill teams, trips, uniforms, activity cards, lockers, extracurricular activities, team summer camps, etc.

No school may raise, lower, or withhold grades, report cards, or school records to enforce payment of school fees. A school may withhold the official student records of a student responsible for lost or damaged school property consistent with Section 53A-11-806, but may not withhold a student's records that would prevent a student from attending school or being properly placed in school.

To find out more, contact your principal or counselor. If you still have questions or problems, contact:

Your school at: _____

Your district at: _____

or the following:

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250 East 500 South
P.O. Box 144200
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4200
801-538-7830

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