

## Economic Hardship Waivers

The School Board may reduce or waive certain academic fees for economically disadvantaged students and students whose families are experiencing economic hardships and are financially unable to pay them. For a student to qualify for a waiver, they must meet at least two of the following criteria:

- Eligible for Louisiana's food assistance program for low-income families
- Eligible for Louisiana's healthcare programs
- Eligible for reduced price meals, using household economic status, based on the latest available data (Note: if a district qualifies as a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) district, this does not automatically qualify the student for a fee waiver)
- Is identified by the district as an English Language Learner and currently enrolled in the district ELL program
- Is identified by the district as homeless; the required documentation must be on file with the District Homeless Liaison
- Is identified by the district as migrant; the required documentation must be on file with the District Migrant Liaison
- Is identified by the district as a student placed in the state foster care program by DCFS and the required documentation must be on file with the District Foster Care Liaison
- Is incarcerated with the office of Juvenile Justice

All requests for economic hardship waivers of student fees and any and all supporting documentation used in considering the validity of any request for a waiver shall be *confidential*.

Patrons who wish to apply for a fee waiver should contact the Counselor at their School. Fee waivers are only applicable for academic programs. Schools may also request the patrons to agree to a weekly/monthly or other type of payment plan as meets the needs of the individual situation.