



Berlin Community School Athletic Participation Fee

Why an athletic participation fee?

The Berlin Community School (BCS) Board of Education voted in March 2010 to include Middle School athletics in the 2010-2011 budget reductions. Subsequently, in August of 2010, the Board approved an Athletic & Activity Participation fee for student athletes beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. Every BCS student-athlete is required to pay a fee for each interscholastic sports season in which they participate on one or more teams.

The fee revenue will help fund the BCS interscholastic athletics program. These programs help students prepare for high school athletics.

Outlining the Fee:

The Board of Education approved the following fee schedule for the 2018-2019 school year: BCS students will be charged \$70 for each interscholastic sports season in which they participate, with a maximum cap per family not to exceed \$125.00 per season. The participation fee will be levied only when team rosters have been set after tryouts, and the participation fee is charged per student athlete per season. The participation fee does not guarantee playing time, nor does the participation fee guarantee a full complement of contests. Refunds of participation fees will not be given if a student athlete quits a team, is removed from a team, withdraws from the school, or is injured during practice and/or contest and cannot play. Refunds in other circumstances beyond district control will be decided on a case by case basis.

Waiver Criteria:

Only students who have been approved for free or reduced price meals through the BCS Board Office are eligible to receive a waiver of participation fees.

Waiver Process:

Complete the *Athletic Participation Fee Waiver Form* and return it to the school Principal. A separate fee waiver form must be filled out for each student athlete for whom a waiver is requested. Waiver forms may be obtained from the school or printed from the *Parent Information* page of the BCS website: www.bcsberlin.org.

Participation Fee and/or Waiver

Deadlines:

A student athlete accepted on a team must pay the participation fee or receive a waiver prior to uniform distribution. If the participation fee is not paid or waiver received, the student athlete will not be allowed to participate in future practices, games or competitions.

How to pay the fee:

Payment: check or money order is preferred, payable to Berlin Borough School District; Payment will be collected by the team coach or could be dropped off at the Berlin Borough Board of Education Office.

How to donate to the general fund:

Make the donation by check or money order; payable to Berlin Borough School District. Cash payments will not be accepted. Payments should be sent to (or dropped off) at the Berlin Borough Board of Education Office.

How to donate for a specific student:

If you would like to make a donation for a specific student athlete (other than your child,) please send a check or money order, (no cash payments,) payable to Berlin Borough School District, Attention: Board of Education Office. ***Please be sure to state the student's name and the words "Scholarship Donation – student athlete" on the check or money order.***

Information:

For additional information, please contact Kristen Martello, Ed.D, Superintendent, at 767-0129, 217.