



# TALAWANDA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*Educate and Prepare!*

## **Community Member Questions 6: Pay to Participate**

\*We do not monitor social media accounts such as Facebook, Twitter, TickTok, etc. where questions are posed. We want to be able to provide the community with information. Please use the contact information below:

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**We will continue to make FAQs and videos to answer questions as well as provide information to our community. When we see certain questions repeated, we will make Community Members Questions documents.**

### **Question 1: How much does it cost for the Talawanda School District to pay for athletic and band programs per student at THS and TMS?**

Per the 21/22 school (fiscal) year, fully loaded it cost the district \$982.79 (for High School Band and Athletics) and \$323.50 (for TMS Athletics only) per sport/extra curricular per student with no cap.

### **Question 2: How did you calculate the costs for the athletic programs?**

Transportation, athletic director/administrative assistant/coaches salaries and benefits, rentals and uniform fees, and other misc costs needed to operate each program at the middle school and the high school for all band and extra curricular sports. The number of student athletes (from the 21/22 school year) was determined by our Athletic Director's and Band Director. The costs were then divided by the number of student band/athletes at THS; with the same being done at TMS resulting in an actual student athlete/band cost per participant (if no family or student cap was put into place).

### **Question 3: Would this be an estimated or actual per student athlete/band cost to participate?**

Right now it would be an estimate based on the 21/22 actual costs. If the Board of Education was to implement a full Pay to Participate cost (with zero cap), we would need to determine the number of student athletes, *if* there are any changes to the number of students who participate,

and if any activity needed to be closed due to not having enough participants. This new calculation could lower or increase the student athlete cost.

**Question 4: Don't the Boosters or other businesses/families/community entities support the extra curricular activities?**

Yes, we are very fortunate to have great supporters. However, the financial support does not cover all expenses needed to operate our student athletic and band programs. We appreciate the support (both financially and in volunteering) which helps our budget. We also know how important extracurricular programs including athletics, drama, music, clubs, and other activities are to our students, families, and community. All of these programs help cultivate outstanding leaders prepared for their next step in life.