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BABCOCK NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL, INC.
Policy on Participation of Non-Enrolled students in interscholastic activities
ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE: 7/21/26
Statutory Authority: §§ 1002.33 and 1006.15, Fla. Stat.

Purpose and Scope:

This policy establishes requirements for an eligible student who is not enrolled at Babcock Neighborhood Schools, Inc. (the "School") to seek participation in an interscholastic extracurricular activity offered by the School, including athletics, and authorizes activity fees as permitted by Florida law.

Definitions:

"Eligible student" means a student authorized by section 1006.15, Florida Statutes, to seek participation, including a home-education, Personalized Education Program, charter, private, Florida Virtual School, alternative-school, or traditional public-school student. "Non-enrolled student" means an eligible student who is not enrolled at the School. "Activity" includes a School-authorized interscholastic or intrascholastic extracurricular activity, including athletics.

Eligibility and Participation:

A non-enrolled student may apply to participate when authorized by section 1006.15, Florida Statutes. The student must timely submit all records reasonably required to verify residency, educational status, academic and age eligibility, prior participation, medical clearance, insurance, parental consent, and compliance with applicable School, FHSAA, or other governing-organization requirements.

- Eligibility includes access to tryouts, conditioning, workouts, practices, and contests as applicable, but does not guarantee team selection, placement, playing time, or continued participation.
- The School may apply reasonable roster limits, competitive selection criteria, deadlines, safety standards, attendance expectations, and conduct requirements.
- Non-enrolled students are subject to the School's student code of conduct, athletic or activity handbook, team rules, and applicable governing-organization rules.
- The parent or guardian is responsible for transportation to and from the School unless the School expressly agrees otherwise.

Activity Fees:

The School may assess an activity fee to a non-enrolled student. The fee for each activity may not exceed the greater of: (a) the fee charged to students enrolled at the School for the same activity; or (b) a reasonable fee based on the School's costs, not to exceed $400 per activity. Allowable cost considerations may include coaching or sponsorship expenses, officials, governing-organization charges, insurance, facilities, security, equipment, supplies, uniforms, transportation, entry fees, athletic-training services, and reasonable administrative costs. The fee is an activity fee and shall not be characterized as tuition or enrollment consideration.

Governing Board Approval, Publication, and Reporting:

- Any non-enrolled-student fee that differs from the fee charged to enrolled students must be approved annually by the Governing Board by July 1 as a separately identified action item at a properly noticed public meeting.
- The administration shall document the reasonable cost basis for each differential fee and retain supporting records.
- Before the beginning of each school year, the School shall publish on its website a complete activity-by-activity fee schedule identifying fees charged to enrolled and non-enrolled students.
- The School shall report activity fees annually to the Florida Department of Education in the manner prescribed by the Department.
- No employee, coach, contractor, volunteer, or booster organization may impose an unauthorized mandatory charge or use a separate charge to circumvent a Board-approved fee.

Payment, Waivers, and Refunds:

Fees are due by the published deadline. The Principal may establish installment arrangements and a consistently administered financial-hardship waiver or reduction process. Voluntary donations and lawful third-party payments may be accepted but may not be required as a condition of participation.

If a student pays a participation fee but is not selected, the fee shall be refunded, less any separately disclosed and legally permissible non-refundable tryout cost. Other refunds may be prorated for documented, nonrecoverable costs. A student removed after participation begins for misconduct or loss of eligibility is not automatically entitled to a refund. Any amount collected in error or above the authorized amount shall be refunded.

Nondiscrimination, Safety, and Accommodations:

The School shall administer this policy without unlawful discrimination. Requests for reasonable disability-related modifications or auxiliary aids shall be evaluated individually under applicable law. The School is not required to waive an essential eligibility requirement, fundamentally alter an activity, incur an undue burden, or permit a direct threat that cannot be reduced by reasonable modification.

Administration and Review:

The Principal or designee shall develop forms and procedures, verify eligibility, maintain records, calculate and recommend fees, publish the approved schedule, complete required reporting, and administer this policy. The Principal may not establish or increase a differential fee without required Governing Board approval. A parent may request written administrative review of an eligibility, fee, or participation decision within ten business days. Matters assigned to the FHSAA or another governing organization remain subject to that organization's appeal process.

Board Certificate

I hereby certify that the foregoing Policy was adopted by a majority vote of a quorum of the Governing Board of Directors at a duly noticed meeting held on 7/21/26.

This Policy is intended to supersede and replace any prior policies relating to the same subject matter.

Jennifer Languell, Board President

07/22/2026

Date

Attest:

Natalie Bolton (Jul 22, 2026 15:00:51 EDT)

Natalie Bolton, Board Secretary

07/22/2026

Date