

MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear Parents:

Beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, all high school athletes participating in district-funded sports are required to pay the nonrefundable annual transportation fee to partially offset the district cost to transport athletes to and from one pre-season, league and post season (if applicable) games. Students are to pay their fees directly to the high school treasurer.

There is only one exception to the "no refunds" practice and that is when district transportation cannot be provided for an activity. A one-time refund on a pro-rated basis may be requested if this occurs.

The Mt. Diablo Unified School District unlike many of its neighboring districts has not charged student athletes to pay any fee for participation. However, budgetary realities have forced the board to charge a minimal fee to help pay towards the total cost of transportation or to cut programs. Transportation fees for 2005-2006 generated approximately \$ 225,000.00 to help offset costs to preclude any cuts to current athletic programs.

Any sport team or group using district transportation is expected/required to pay the nonrefundable district transportation fee, i.e., J.V. or freshmen self funded teams, and cheerleading. Self funded sports such as golf, lacrosse and water polo will be exempt from paying the fee if the self funded sport is invoiced by transportation for payment. If it is not but the sport wants to use district transportation, they would need to pay the district transportation fee.

The fee schedule for each sport/group will be:

\$100 for the first sport
\$75 for the second sport
\$50 for each additional sport

The maximum fee per family is \$600 per year.

Self-funded sports qualify students for second or third sport fees.

Students who qualify for a "free or reduced price meal" may receive a waiver for the transportation fee. **It will be the student's responsibility to prove his/her eligibility to the high school treasurer.** The student can do this by providing the treasurer with a copy of the eligibility letter received from Food Services or by getting a signed eligibility form from the Food Services' manager at their site before school in the morning.

Checks for transportation fees are to be made out to the school and **submitted to the school treasurer** (not the coach) prior to the start of the student's sport. Upon payment the treasurer will return a receipt to the student as proof of payment. **High school athletes who have not paid the athletic transportation fee or provided proof of waiver may not participate until the fee is paid or waived. In the case of insufficient funds where a parent pays by check and the check does not clear, the student will not be permitted to participate until the check is cleared and fee paid.**

Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping maintain our student athletic programs.

Sincerely,

Alan E. Young, Ed.D.
Associate Superintendent

CC: High School Principals
Vice Principals in Charge of Athletics
Athletic Directors
Treasurers