

# **HB 1660**

## **What is HB 1660?**

The intent of House Bill 1660 is to remove barriers that could prevent participation by all students. Under HB 1660, school districts that must adopt a policy for waiving or reducing fees for students who are low income for fee for attendance at or participation in any optional, noncredit extracurricular event. The policy and regulations must also include how the district will reduce fees for students' family members and nonstudents over the age of 65, who by reason of their low income, may be unable to pay the fees to attend or participate in any optional noncredit extracurricular district event which is of a cultural, social, recreational, or athletic nature.

## **What Determines if You are Eligible for Reduced Fees?**

- Eligibility is based on family income. Please read the Letter to Families to see if your family would qualify.
- Parents must complete a Free and Reduced Application AND Consent to Share Form (complete and sign) and submit to the Chehalis School District each year. Consent to share form should list all students you wish to access HB 1660 funds and the programs in which they will participate
- If the student is determined eligible, parents/guardians will be notified by the school district. Do not assume you are eligible if you have submitted a form and not heard back from the school district.

## **What Fees can be waived or reduced?**

- HB 1660 only waives/reduces fees for optional, non-credit extra-curricular events that are cultural, social, recreational or athletic in nature.
- Any non-academic fees such as ASB cards and club fees can be waived and athletic season passes for the entire family can be reduced.
- HB 1660 does not reduce or waive academic fees such as dual credit, SAT/ACT or advance placement tests.

## **District HB 1660 Procedure**

1. Free & Reduced forms are made available on the Chehalis School District website in mid August.
2. Parents/Guardians return completed forms to Gayle Meister in the District Office (gmeister@chehalisschools.org or 360-807-7200), who determines eligibility.
3. If the family is eligible and has filled out a Consent to Share form, a "note" will be made on the student's Food Service tab on Skyward. This will be the notification to offices that this student has a waiver on file and is eligible for waived fees.
4. For fall athletic fees which must be paid in early August, your Free and Reduced Application and Consent to Share from the previous year is valid for 30 days after the start of the next school year. If you did not fill out food service forms the prior year and believe your family qualifies for waived athletic fees through HB 1660, please contact Gayle Meister at gmeister@chehalisschools.org or (360) 807-7200. HB 1660 cannot pay items retroactively, so new or existing forms must be filled out PRIOR to the due date of your athletic fees.