

Arlington High School Athletics

User Fee Discussion / Rationale

To maintain consistency in our primary objective of offering educational athletic programming with the focus on delivering a content of developing life skills that will serve far beyond time on the playing field. The sport is a means for each student-athlete to access the same curriculum.

Students pay a fee to be a part of the athletic department and experience educational-athletic programming. The sport is a personal choice based on skill set, interest level, commitment level, schedules and other variables. User fees do not cover the cost of athletic programming, but rather defray just over a third of it. Costs are not increased if a team is successful in tournament and has a longer season, if they are on the rotation to receive new uniforms or if the time of their games or lengths of competitions require additional bus costs. Costs should not be determined based on what facilities we do or do not own, the varying costs in prices for officials or and other demand of a sport that is necessary to it being offered by the district. This does not place the value of how we manage resources in a place that is consistent with our philosophy, core-values, mission statement and programming offered.

Regardless of the sport, the district meets the needs of all offerings to make sure every student-athlete can equally access lessons and develop skills that will support them off of the playing field.

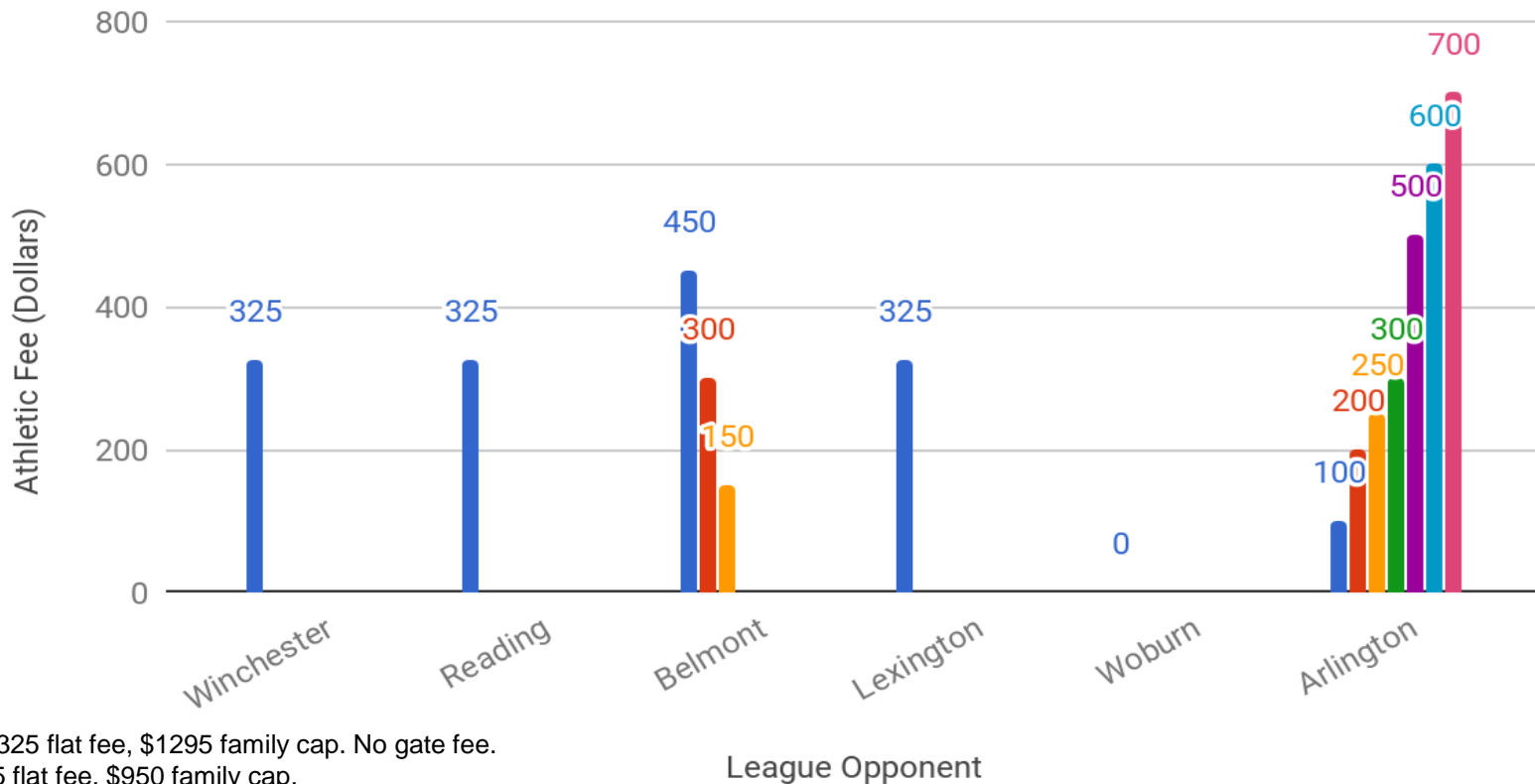
Philosophy & Practicality

We believe through athletic experiences student-athletes enhance individual and collective growth during their high school careers. We strive to teach lessons that translate from the playing field to daily life. Through these experiences, players are poised to strengthen various aspects of their development through their resilience, accountability, communication and teamwork. Arlington Athletics expects all members of the department to represent themselves respectfully and with pride in our programs. Involvement in the athletic program is a privilege and members should remain mindful to the strong history and roots of our Arlington community that allow for the current athletic experiences enjoyed. ■

Goals of Educational Athletics:

- Develop skills including; time-management, communication, accountability, commitment, resiliency, work-ethic, teamwork, sportsmanship. Increase confidence, maintain physical and emotional fitness, expand skill sets and build relationships.
- Use the important platform of Educational-Athletics programming to unite community, exploit and build pride, connect with varying stakeholders and reinforce district values and goals. Seek to build relationships with youth, alumni and other stakeholders.

Athletic Fees in League



Winchester: \$325 flat fee, \$1295 family cap. No gate fee.

Reading: \$325 flat fee, \$950 family cap.

Belmont: \$450 first sport, \$300 second sport, \$150 third sport.

Lexington: \$325 flat fee, \$650 family cap. No gate fee.

Woburn: No fee

Arlington: Tiered by sport, \$1295 family cap.