



GLENBROOK HIGH SCHOOLS
Regular Board Meeting Monday October 27, 2008
District Business Office

TO: Dr. Craig Schilling 

FROM: Kimberly L. Ptak 

DATE: October 27, 2008

RE: **DISCUSSION/ACTION: RENEWAL OF DRIVER ED WAIVER**

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board renew its waiver of School Code (105 ILSC 5/27-23) to increase the allowable student fee for Driver Education from \$50 to \$350. The waiver would cover a five-year period from FY 09/10 – FY 13/14. Our current driver ed fee is \$250; the waiver gives the flexibility to increase the fee to \$350.

For comparison purposes the following fees are being charged by our neighboring districts.

District	Current Charge	Waiver Up To
D203 New Trier	\$350	\$350
D207 Maine Township	\$250	\$250
D211 Palatine	\$350	\$350
D214 Arlington Heights	\$350	\$350
D219 Niles	\$350	\$350
D225 Glenbrook	\$250	\$350 (expires at end of FY 08/09 school year)

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**APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OR MODIFICATION
OF STATE BOARD RULES AND/OR SCHOOL CODE MANDATES**

This application is to be used for seeking a waiver or modification of State Board of Education rules or of School Code mandates in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g]. The completed application must be submitted by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the above address. Please use the instructions on reverse side when completing this application.

Please note that action on incomplete applications will be delayed until all required documentation is received.

1. The application is for: (Check appropriate box(es) below.)

- WAIVER OF SCHOOL CODE** **WAIVER OF ISBE RULE** **MODIFICATION OF SCHOOL CODE** **MODIFICATION OF ISBE RULE**

2. APPLICANT'S NAME AND NUMBER Northfield Township District 225	CONTACT PERSON Paul Starck-King
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS 1835 Landwehr Road Glenview, IL 60625	CONTACT PERSON'S TELEPHONE NUMBER/EXTENSION 847-486-4591
	CONTACT FAX NUMBER 847-486-4591
SUPERINTENDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Dr. Michael Riggle	E-MAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON pstarck-king@glenbrook.k12.il.us
COUNTY Cook	Can we contact your e-mail address? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

3. Provide citation or language of the rule(s) or School Code mandate(s) which are the subject of this application. If you are requesting a modification, display it here, using strike through or underlining.

I.L.C.S 5/27-23 See Attachment- 3a

I.L.C.S 5/27-23 See Attachment- 3b

4. Attach a narrative identifying and justifying the specific request.

a. For proposed waivers and modifications of rules or modifications of School Code mandates that are based upon meeting the intent of the rule or mandate in a more effective, efficient or economical manner, a narrative description must provide all of the required information (**see Item 4(a) on the reverse side**).

See Attachment- 4

b. All proposed waivers/modifications requested to stimulate innovation or improve student performance, **including all proposed waivers of School Code mandates**, shall provide the specific plan for improved student performance and school improvement upon which the request is being based and how the applicant will determine success (**see Item 4(b) on the reverse side**).

c. Applications requesting waivers from Section 17-1.5 of the School Code must include the amount, nature, and reason for the requested relief and all remedies that have been exhausted by the district to comply with the administrative expenditure limitation.

5. **Public Testimony:** Attach a description of the testimony provided, to include the information enumerated in item 5 on the reverse side.

6. This application is for: **INITIAL WAIVER/MODIFICATION** **RENEWAL OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WAIVER/MODIFICATION**

This application requests waiver/modification for 5 years (from FY 09/10 school year through FY 13/14 school year).

(See Item 6 on reverse side for limits on the duration of waivers/modifications.)

7. Attach a copy of each public notice required. Any request not meeting the requirements will be returned as ineligible for consideration.

8. Compliance with Notice and Hearing Requirements

I certify that a hearing concerning this application and any associated plan for improved student performance was held on 10/27/08 and, **for those applicants requesting waivers or modifications of the daily physical education requirement**, that the regular board meeting(s) were held on 10/27/08 of that month.

I further certify that the applicant has met all the notification and hearing requirements enumerated in items A and B on reverse side and that the board of education/board of directors of the applicant identified above approved this application on 10/27/08.

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Applicant (i.e., District Superintendent/Executive Director/Regional Superintendent)

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NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 225
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

3a. Subject to rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, the district may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed \$50, to students who participate in the course, unless a student is unable to pay for such a course, in which event the fee for such a student will be waived.

3b. Subject to rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, the district may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed ~~\$50~~ \$350 to students who participate in the course, unless a student is unable to pay for such a course, in which event the fee for such a student will be waived.

4a. Northfield Township High School District 225 is seeking a modification of School Code I.L.C.S. 5/27-23 to change the fee for Drivers Education from "not to exceed \$50" to "not to exceed \$350." Granting this request would fulfill the intent of the Driver Education mandate but allow the District to operate the program in a more fiscally responsible manner.

- i. *The intent of the rule or mandate to be achieved.*
The Code intends that a quality program of instruction on the operations of motor vehicles be made available to students. Specifically, the Code states that "the course of instruction given in grades 10-12 shall include an emphasis on the development of knowledge attitudes, habits and skills necessary for safe operations of motor vehicles." District 225's course in Driver Education is an integrated program that fully complies with the intent of the Code. Students receive a "minimum of thirty clock hours of classroom instruction taught by a certified high school teacher," and a "minimum of six clock hours of individual behind the wheel (BTW) instruction or its equivalent in a car."
- ii. *The manner in which the district will meet that intent.*
The district will continue to provide a high-quality drivers education program that meets or exceeds all requirements set forth in the School Code. The district will be able to do so in a more fiscally responsible and cost efficient manner by increasing the registration fee.

- iii. *How the manner proposed by the district will be more effective, efficient, or economical.*
The current \$50 fee limitation does not recognize the significantly high cost of operating a high quality driver education program. Based on FY 08 data, the net cost per semester, per student, of behind-the-wheel driver education instruction is \$425. This figure is net of State reimbursement for driver education. The waiver will enable the District to be as cost effective as possible within its limited resources.

District 225 believes in the quality and importance of its driver education program. However, without the waiver, the expense of the program is inordinate when compared to other courses and would result in an inequitable use of funds. Driver Education courses are more costly than other instructional classes due to the behind-the wheel phase. The student/teacher ratio for this component is 3:1 due to the requirement that no more than three students can be in a car at any one time.

- iv. *In those instances where the applicant proposes a more economical manner, a fiscal analysis showing current expenditures related to the request and the projected savings that would result if the request is granted.*

As noted above, based on FY 08 data, the behind-the-wheel piece of the Driver Education program is approximately \$425/student net of state reimbursement.

The waiver would enable a fee structure equitable to students and taxpayers and would not cause undue hardship on families with severe economic difficulties.