

Service Agreement, Verification and Appeal Form



Utah law states that an LEA may provide alternatives in lieu of fee waivers sufficient "to ensure that no student is denied the opportunity to participate in a class or school-sponsored or supported activity because of an inability to pay a fee." If offered, a student may choose to perform service in lieu of a fee waiver but **a school district cannot require a student to perform service in lieu of a fee waiver**. If your student chooses to perform service, there are options from which to choose to complete the service. Service options may include:

- Service at the school, such as tutorial assistance to other students, or service outside of regular school hours as a student aide to school staff;
- Service in the community such as at a nursing home or hospital; or
- When special needs require, service in the home.

_____ agrees to complete _____ hours of service _____
(Student's name) (brief description)

To be completed before: _____ This will satisfy the student's fee obligation of \$ _____
(Date)

All services will be credited at the rate of \$ _____ per hour. Once completed, the student's school fees will be waived.

SIGNATURES:

Student: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

School Administrator: _____ Date: _____

The school district must ensure that a service assignment is appropriate to the age of the student, physical condition of the student, and maturity of the student. The assignment must also be consistent with state and federal laws, including the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act. This requires that the service must be performed 1) within a reasonable period of time, 2) each hour of service is credited at an amount at least equal to the current minimum wage, and 3) service hours worked per day and week are limited according to the student's age.

For example, if a fee-waiver eligible student is assessed \$100 for school fees and the school policy is based upon a \$10 per hour service credit, then the student may be asked to perform up to 10 hours of service.

Service assignments must be conducted in such a way that students are not subjected to embarrassment, ridicule, or humiliation, and must not provide direct private benefit to school employees or their families. In addition, service assignments must avoid excessive burdens on students and families and give proper consideration to a student's educational and transportation needs and other responsibilities.

If circumstances arise which make it too difficult for a student to complete a service assignment, notify the school principal immediately to determine what adjustments should be made.

Service students will not be considered to be employees of those for whom they provide the service, and no money will be paid to the students or to the school in return for service. Regular employees who work in places where students perform services may not be replaced, nor may their hours be reduced, as a result of the students' service activities. Service is intended to supplement existing services, not replace that which is already being done by others.



VERIFICATION OF SERVICE

Service Location: _____ Service Performed: _____

Supervisor: _____ Hours: _____

Starting Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

Service Location: _____ Service Performed: _____

Supervisor: _____ Hours: _____

Starting Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

_____, has completed all service hours as stated above, and fulfilled all agreed upon service hours to the fullest extent reasonably possible according to individual circumstances of both the student and the school.
(Student's name)

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor: _____ Date: _____

I have reviewed the service provided and verified with the Supervisor that all service was completed as stated above to the fullest extent reasonably possible according to individual circumstances of both the student and the school. Therefore, as agreed, all student fees have been waived.

School Administrator: _____ Date: _____



PARENTAL APPEAL RIGHTS

PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE SCHOOL FEES NOTICE AND THIS FORM BEFORE DECIDING TO APPEAL THE SERVICE AGREEMENT.

If you disagree with this agreement, you have the right to appeal. To appeal, send a letter to the school principal explaining why you disagree with the service agreement. Include your name, your child's name, and the date. If you prefer, the school has provided an appeal form on the following page that you can fill out and send instead of a letter.

You must mail or hand-deliver your appeal within ten school days of receiving this notice. *Keep a copy of the appeal for your records.* A school representative will contact you within two weeks after receiving your appeal and schedule a meeting to discuss your concerns. You will also be given a copy of the school district's School Fees Appeals Policy containing a complete statement of policies and procedures for appeals.

ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR PAYMENT OF FEES WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE FINAL DECISION IS MADE REGARDING YOUR APPEAL.

APPEAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT

Student's name: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

I, _____, wish to appeal the agreement regarding the service assignment established for my child for the following reasons:

_____ Type of Service: _____

_____ Time Period: _____

_____ Pay Rate credited: _____

_____ Other: _____

Please schedule a meeting to discuss this appeal. I understand that all fees will be suspended until a final decision has been reached, and that my child will be able to participate fully in all school activities during that time on the same basis as if the fees had been paid.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

For more information contact the school:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Contact the district's School Fees Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Visit the state school fees website: <https://schools.utah.gov/schoolfees>