

CICS Ralph Ellison Academy Fee Schedule for School Year 2026-2027

Students will not be denied participation in any academics, athletic activities, or programs due to financial circumstances. Students and families are strongly encouraged to discuss their financial situation with the school's leadership. At Meridian Charter Schools, we are committed to support every student and their families to ensure they receive the opportunities and resources to meet their unique needs, situation, and aspirations.

Please Note: Families will be notified in November of their school fees for the year, based on Lunch Form Status.

A STUDENT AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFIES FOR A FEE WAIVER IF:

- The student lives in a household that meets the free lunch or breakfast eligibility guidelines established by the federal government pursuant to Section 1758 of the federal Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758; 7 CFR 245 et seq.)
- The student's parents or guardians are veterans or active-duty military personnel with income at or below 200% of the federal poverty line
- The student is homeless as defined by McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

A student who is not automatically eligible for a fee waiver may nonetheless be eligible for a fee waiver if the student's family has experienced unexpected financial hardship such as a significant loss of income due to severe illness or injury in the family or unusual expenses such as fire, flood, or storm damage, or similar emergency situations.

For fee waiver requests, contact your school's main office. Fee waiver applications are available to all families who are unable to pay, and waivers must be submitted annually.

Fees must be paid no later than the end of the school year in which they were incurred.

METHODS OF PAYMENT:

- Cash
- Money Orders
- Credit/Debit Cards are accepted for payment in person
- Online Payments can be made through each school's CICS website
 - » [Click Here](#) to pay fees online



\$175 mandatory fee for all students offsets the cost of the following

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructional Materials • Consumable Supplies & Workbooks • Technology Access/Learning Management Systems Access • Technology Insurance • Duplication Of School Related Materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Student ID Card • Combination Lock For Main Locker/Locker Repair • Field Trip Transportation • Postage For Student Related Mailings • Textbook Rental/Replacement Fee |
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UNIFORM PURCHASES

Uniform Polo	\$20.00	Short-Sleeved School T-Shirt	\$10.00
P.E. Shirt	\$10.00	Long-Sleeved School T-Shirt	\$15.00
Hoodie	\$25.00	Sweatpants	\$20.00
Crew Neck	\$20.00		

SPORTS FEE

\$75.00

OPTIONAL PURCHASES

CTA Ventra Card	\$2.00
ID Card Replacement	\$5.00

MANDATORY SENIOR FEE: This fee offsets the cost of the listed items

Senior Picnic, Cap and Gown, Senior T-Shirt, Diploma and Diploma Cover, Graduation Venue, Graduation Printing, End of Year Celebration	\$135.00
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OPTIONAL Senior Activity Charges

Prom	\$130.00
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Graduation: Cap & Gown **must be** ordered & **ALL** school fees are to be paid in full prior to purchasing a prom ticket.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY FEES AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION OR AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR UNLESS A REQUEST TO DEFER PAYMENT IS MADE WITH THE BUSINESS OFFICE. FEES MUST BE PAID NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IN WHICH THEY WERE INCURRED. ANY UNPAID BALANCE WILL BE ROLLED OVER TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL YEAR. FEE WAIVER APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL FAMILIES WHO MAY NEED SOME ASSISTANCE TO PAY SCHOOL FEES. ALL FEES, OUTSTANDING DEBTS, AND FINES CAN BE PAID WITH CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS, OR MONEY ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO "CICS RALPH ELLISON ACADEMY".



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