

TO: Dr. Andalib Khelghati, Superintendent
Board of Education
FROM: Amanda Sitar, Director of Finance;
Raphael Obafemi, Chief Financial Officer/CSBO
RE: Fee Collections - Update
DATE: 4/27/2026

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 27, 2026

Subject: Fee Collection Data as of April 21, 2026, Oswego CUSD 308 collected \$3,588,245 of the below fees for FY26 in these categories. This represents **62.54%** of the total fees in these categories collected so far this year. FY25 was added to show comparison to the fees collected by the end of last year.

FEE TYPE	2025-2026 FEES	FEES COLLECTED	COLLECTION RATE	2024-2025 FEES	FEES COLLECTED	COLLECTION RATE
INSTRUCTIONAL	\$4,246,477	\$2,622,110	61.75%	\$3,188,662	\$2,345,023	73.54%
ACTIVITIES	\$973,795	\$646,623	66.40%	\$918,015	\$593,920	64.70%
TECHNOLOGY	\$517,580	\$319,512	61.73%	\$522,862	\$324,688	62.10%
TOTAL*	\$5,737,852	\$3,588,245	62.54%	\$4,629,539	\$3,263,631	70.50%

*The fees represented in this table are a snap-shot in time from the school years 2024-2025 and 2025-2026. Fees charged to date in general, registration, instructional, technology, and activity fees. These numbers can increase/decrease depending on additional fees charged and paid.

Cumulative Student Fees Owed to District

Unpaid Fee Balances: Over the past nine years, the District has accumulated **\$4,676,075.26** in delinquent or uncollected student fees. The highest outstanding fee balance for a **single student is \$5,324.25**.

Unpaid Meal Balances: For the current fiscal year, uncollected meal fees total **\$299,540**. Unpaid meal balances are rolled into past-due fees at the end of each school year. The highest outstanding meal balance for a **single student this year is \$746.10**.

Total Outstanding Student-Related Fees: (academic + current meal balances): \$4,975,615.26

For context, a [2022 press release](#) reported approximately \$1.2 million in parent obligations to the district. This reflects a significant upward trend over the past several years, with balances continuing to increase.

While some parents believe that the concept of free public education eliminates the obligation to pay school fees, that is not an accurate interpretation. The provision of free public education does not preclude districts from assessing reasonable fees for specific programs, materials, or services.

It is important to recognize that the average cost to educate one general education student in our district is approximately **\$17,785.60** per year. This figure rises each year due to the costs increasing. Student fees we charge represent only a small fraction of this total and are necessary to help offset the costs of providing a comprehensive educational experience.