

MHS Class Dues

Purpose: To have funds available each school year for the funding of traditional high school activities such as: homecoming activities, prom, and graduation. Class dues are intended to deter the amount of fundraising efforts needed by the classes to fund these activities. Monies used for any other purposes must be approved by class sponsors and the Principal.

Student Responsibility: Upon becoming a Marianna High School student, each student will be required to pay \$10 class dues each school year. Dues are required regardless of when a student enrolls.

Consequences for not paying dues each year: All students are required to pay class dues in order to participate in costly high school traditions and ceremonies such as homecoming week activities, prom and graduation.

Exemptions: There are no total exemptions from class dues, but students qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch may pay a reduced class due of \$5 each year instead of \$10.

Questions:

1. **How much are dues?** \$10, unless a student qualifies for Free or Reduced Lunch, then their class dues are reduced to \$5.
2. **Why are students asked to pay class dues?** To have funds available for homecoming activities, prom, and graduation. This allows every student to contribute a small part in offsetting rising costs, and to reduce the need to depend totally on local businesses and fundraising efforts to sponsor these costly high school traditions.
3. **What is the incentive for freshmen and sophomores to pay dues each year when typically they are not involved in prom or graduation?** High school traditions such as the homecoming week activities begin with the freshman year. Dues are required each year from every MHS student in order to participate.
4. **Will a student be refunded if they move during the school year?** No, class dues are non-refundable.
5. **If a student enrolls during the 4th 9 weeks, for example, are dues required that late in the year?** Yes, dues are required regardless of when a student enrolls.
6. **Do receipts need to be kept each year to prove dues have been paid?** It is good practice to keep all receipts. Keep the receipt where other school records, such as report cards, are kept. There will be a copy of the receipt kept in the school's accounting records.
8. **What if a class needs money for something besides homecoming, prom, or graduation? Can this money be used for other endeavors?** Any other expenditure of the dues will be determined by the class sponsors and the Principal.