

2008-09 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.

Information From Other Schools That Have Class Dues

Here an excerpt from Graceville High School and Websites around the country regarding class dues.

Graceville High School - Students in grades 6-10 will pay \$5.00 for homeroom dues. These dues will cover expenses of the class homecoming floats. Juniors will pay \$10.00 per year to help defray Prom expenses. Seniors will pay \$40.00 per semester to defray senior expenses.

Even though public education covers the basics such as the cost of teachers, books, classroom activities and more, the budget squeeze across the country has forced many schools to require class dues. These additional monies go toward paying for things outside of the basic educational structure, for instance, field trips, social activities and sometimes even musical and sporting events. Here's how to pay class dues.

http://www.ehow.com/how_2247476_pay-class-dues.html

Class dues are common in many high schools and some junior and grammar schools. This may also be called an activity or classroom fee. Different areas use different terms. The money usually goes toward dances, class supplies and other class activities. Here is how to pay them.

<http://www.wikihow.com/Pay-Class-Dues>

Senior Class Dues

\$110.00

Dues Include:

- ❖ 2008 Dohiscan Yearbook (Nonrefundable)
- ❖ Customized T-Shirt
- ❖ Gift to the School
- ❖ Reception—Class Night
- ❖ Materials/Equipment/Rental Fees {Senior Week}
- ❖ Senior Picnic
- ❖ Diploma Cover (\$10.00)

Note: Dues should be paid in full by

Friday, February 8, 2008

http://www.docoschools.org/DOUGHERTYHIGH/Senior%20Class%20Of%202007/SeniorPage_files/Senior%20Class%20Dues.htm

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Class dues are required from every senior.

Class dues are \$100. This can be paid in one payment of \$100 or four payments of \$25. Payments are usually collected in October, November, December, and January. Students cannot be measured for a cap and gown in January without full payment of class dues. Checks should be made out to The Town of Marblehead.

Class dues pay for: The Progressive Dinner, caps and gowns, the senior favors, the banquet, the yearbook, one 5x7 graduation picture and senior class expenses.

We could do this: http://broadneck.org/class_of_2010/ClassDues.htm

Class dues Website :

<http://www.friscoisd.org/schools/lhs/updates/LHS%20Class%20Dues%20Letter.pdf>

Debunking the Myth of **Class Dues**

Or Yes FVHS, they do exist!

Taken from the FVHS Student Handbook, page 10

Class dues have become a standard practice for classes at FVHS and questions sometimes arise about their purpose and function. Funds to pay for most high school education expenses are provided primarily by the State of North Carolina and the Wake County Board of Education. Typical expenses covered by these governmental bodies include property costs, operating expenses, most furnishings, instructional equipment, textbooks, most instructional supplies and staff salaries. With the exception of some salaries and a small amount for security costs, no funds are provided for expenses associated with extracurricular student activity programs, which include athletics, school clubs and class activities.

The Wake County Board of Education permits high schools to have five fundraising activities per year, each school is allowed to conduct one school-wide fundraiser and each of the four high school classes is allowed to have one fundraiser to raise money to support their various extracurricular activities. High school athletics programs are funded primarily through gate receipts, concession receipts and contributions. At FVHS, school clubs receive funds by their members participating in the annual school-wide fundraiser, which for the last several years has been the sale of citrus fruit in December. School classes have not been able to benefit from the school-wide fruit sale since so many students use this opportunity to work for the school club.

Therefore, each high school class is presented with a challenge. Although not required to do so, each school class usually wants to engage in some activities, which require funds. These include homecoming week activities such as the building of floats, special class events such as the prom, and graduation activities. An additional factor is that most of these activities require some large advance payments prior to the events. Therefore, classes face eventually three choices. They may (1) choose not to engage in these traditional activities, they may (2) engage in the activities but spend no money in advance and depend on charging actual participants for the expenses at the time of the activities, or they may (3) raise funds in advance. FVHS classes for several years have chosen the last option but have faced the dilemma of how to equitably raise the needed funds. When work projects or sales programs have been considered, they have been rejected because substantial number of students would not agree to become involved in the actual work of raising the needed funds, but would expect to participate in the various activities. So classes have begun to choose to assess themselves a modest fee for class dues (**currently \$15.00**) to fund their class activities. They have done this by democratic elections in class meetings. The school has agreed to help each class with the equitable collection of class dues by withholding school privileges (parking, off-campus lunch for seniors, prom admittance, etc.) from students who have not paid their dues. In this arrangement, each class has been assigned an account kept in our local school funds, and expenses for the class are paid from this account upon the approval of the class officers and their sponsor. In this manner, classes may purchase supplies, reserve bands for dances, reserve special locations for class parties, and otherwise plan effectively or their activities.

The assessment and collection of class dues presents some problems but our students have not been able to find a better way to effectively and equitably finance activities they want to have as a part of their high school experience. Class dues payments are due and payable to the school bookkeeper after the first class meeting of the year. Dues not paid by the end of each year are subject to an additional \$5 late fee.

<http://fvhs.wcpss.net/forparents/class%20dues.doc>