

To: Board of Education

From: Kathy Johnson, director of finance
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Re: Course fees for out of district students for the College & Career Center courses

Date: April 19, 2018

Background:

USD 497 courses at the Lawrence College & Career Center are currently available to USD 497 students only. College courses, provided by partners at Neosho County Community College and Johnson County Community College, at the Center, are open to the general public. This includes juniors and seniors from other school districts. Other school districts have expressed an interest attending courses provided by USD 497 at the Lawrence College & Career Center.

State law does not allow USD 497 to charge tuition. However, the Lawrence Public School can charge a course fee to cover other materials (textbooks, consumables, equipment).

Rationale:

The ability for students outside the Lawrence Public Schools will not restrict enrollment by students from Lawrence High School and Lawrence Free State High School. Once enrollment at the high schools is complete, a limited number of additional openings will be made available to surrounding districts. These districts are responsible for transporting students. Grades will be reported to cooperating districts. Any student concerns will be shared with cooperating administrator or designee.

The staff of the College & Career Center has identified current Automotive Service courses for our first offering. Our total cost per student in the course for textbooks, consumables and other equipment is \$200.

Recommendation:

Administration recommends the Board of Education provide a limited number of course openings for students out-of-district to attend courses at the College & Career Center for a course fee of \$200.

Motion:

"I move the Board of Education approve opening courses at the Lawrence College & Career Center to out-of-district students for a specified course fee. For the Automotive Service courses the fee is set at \$200."