

Scholastic Book Fair Sales Tax FAQ

Do we need to collect sales tax for purchases during our book fair?

Yes. Individuals who are not tax-exempt must pay sales tax on all book fair purchases.

More information is available from Scholastic here: <https://scholastic.force.com/scholasticfaqs/s/global-search/sales%20tax>

But our school and our PTA unit are tax-exempt!

If your school or your PTA purchase books *for their own use*, they do not need to pay sales tax because they are tax-exempt organizations.

If non-exempt individuals purchase books, they must pay sales tax.

We haven't collected sales tax in the past. What changed?

The requirement itself did not change, but Scholastic's message did change in early 2022. Since that time, Scholastic clearly states book fairs must collect tax from non-exempt individuals.

Who calculates and submits the tax?

Scholastic will calculate and submit all local and state tax. Book fair workers only need to include sales tax when they ring up purchases.

What will happen if we do not collect sales tax on book fair purchases?

Scholastic will include sales tax in the outstanding balance at the end of your book fair. Your PTA unit need to pay the full balance, whether you collected the tax from purchasers or not.

If we collect sales tax at a book fair, will we need to file state sales tax forms?

No. You're collecting sales tax on Scholastic's behalf for books Scholastic sells to individuals. Your PTA unit is not selling the books itself.

Will we need to pay sales tax on purchases we make with Scholastic Dollars?

Scholastic Dollars have some cash value, but your school and your PTA unit are tax-exempt.

If you're making the purchases for your school or your PTA unit and you've given Scholastic a copy of your tax-exempt certificate, you will not need to pay sales tax on those purchases.

You can email your tax-exempt certificate to Scholastic here: SBFtaxforms@scholasticbookfairs.com

Are all book fair providers charging sales tax?

The local and state sales tax laws will be the same for all providers. Any provider that doesn't collect tax from purchasers will need to pay the tax itself. While we can't be certain how all providers handle it, most will pass those charges to the purchasers.