



Westfield High School Band



Explanation of Band Registration Fees and Other Expenses

The 2008-2009 band registration fees are the same as from 2007-2008.

Marching Band Registration Fee (\$150) – This required fee covers marching band expenses for marchers that play an instrument. Examples of costs covered by this fee include marching band uniform maintenance and dry cleaning, purchase of instruments, transportation to marching band activities, music, drill, venue fees, clinicians, T-shirt/shorts, awards, and our uniform reserve fund. The marching band program is also subsidized by music booster and band booster fundraising.

Color Guard Registration Fee (\$125) – This required fee covers marching band expenses for color guard students. Examples of costs covered by this fee include purchase of color guard flags/equipment/props, transportation to marching band activities, drill, clinicians, T-shirts/shorts, and awards. The color guard fee is less than the marching band fee because color guard students are not provided with a marching band uniform but instead are required to purchase costumes separately from this fee. The color guard program is also subsidized by music booster and band booster fundraising, as well as color guard-specific fundraising.

General Band Registration Fee (\$115) – This required fee covers concert band and other general band expenses. Examples of costs covered by this fee include music, purchase of instruments, clinicians, venue fees, all-district/all-state fees, staff development, general band scholarships, concert programs, and awards. The general band program is also subsidized by music booster and band booster fundraising. This fee is required for all Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Concert Band, and Percussion Ensemble students.

No-Fuss Fundraising Fee (\$40) – This required fee augments the general band registration fee. This fundraising fee structure ensures that those who participate in student fundraisers do not bear a disproportionate burden, while providing an option for those who do not wish to participate in student fundraisers. Participation in Tag Day remains mandatory.

This fee can be paid in one of two ways: (1) paid up front at the time of registration, or (2) deducted from fundraising profits during the year. [Option 2 is intended for those who plan to participate in fundraising.]

If you select to pay the fee up front:

- Participation in student fundraisers (e.g., cookie dough sales, fruit sales, scrip) is completely voluntary.
- 100% of your student fundraising profits (if any) will immediately go to your trip account.

Uniform Rental/Maintenance Agreement Fee (\$35) – This required fee covers concert band uniform maintenance, dry cleaning, and our uniform reserve fund. (Marching band uniform maintenance and dry cleaning are covered by the marching band registration fee.) The fee is required for all Wind Symphony, Symphonic, and Concert Band students. Percussion Ensemble students are not issued concert band uniforms and do not pay this fee.

Laura McBride Memorial Contributions (Optional) – Mrs. Laura McBride served as Westfield High School’s Director of Bands since the opening of the high school in 2000 until her death of breast cancer on January 2, 2006. As memorials to Mrs. McBride, the WHSBBO established two scholarships – (1) Laura McBride Music Education Scholarship for students following Laura’s career path in music education, and (2) Laura McBride Spirit Scholarship Award for students exhibiting the spirit of the instrumental music program. Other forms of memorials may also be considered. Please consider an optional donation to build the memorial fund to continue Mrs. McBride’s legacy.

Band Booster Membership/Sponsorship (Optional) – Please consider an optional donation to directly benefit WHSBBO’s mission to help provide quality educational programs and to enable student participation in music competitions through scholarships and grants. Note that all parents/guardians are automatically members of the WHSBBO at no additional cost. Your name or your business or personal ad will be listed in all band concert programs according to the level of contribution as described on the form.

Marching Band Dinner (\$5, optional) – Optional purchase of pizza dinner during the September 15 marching band clinic (clinic is 3PM to 7PM).

WHS Band Spirit Wear (Optional) – Optional purchase of WHS band clothing (e.g., T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, hats) for students and parents. Band chaperones and other parent volunteers are highly encouraged to purchase a band polo shirt for our parent “uniform” (black polo shirt and khaki slacks).

Marching Band Shoe Purchase (\$38) – All marching band students (not Colorguard) need to buy new marching band shoes for 2008 due to quality and inventory problems by the manufacturers. Shoe fitting will occur during marching band camp.

Other Fees/Costs Not Included at This Time

Flip Folder and Lyre (\$6) – Flip folders hold marching band music that will be played in the stands during football games. Marching musicians need to purchase a flip folder if they do not already have one. Flip folders can be purchased from Contemporary Music Center (CMC) located at Sullyfield Circle.

Instrument Rental Fees (\$92 for Instruments/\$52 for Percussion) – A fee separate from the fees listed above will be assessed by FCPS for all percussion students and for students that rent instruments from the band program. Instrument rental fees will be collected upon receipt of the instrument, and percussion fees will be collected soon after school starts.

Transportation, Overnight Lodging and/or Meal Expenses – Transportation, lodging and/or meals fees may be assessed for long-distance/late-evening band events (typically no more than one trip per year). Accommodations generally include four students per room to reduce expenses.

Spring Trip Fees (\$600 to \$800 per trip) - Every spring concert band students have a trip to a competition or festival. Occasionally the jazz band or percussion ensemble may have a separate, additional trip. Trip costs have historically ranged from \$600 to \$800. Students will be provided with ample opportunities for fund raising to offset trip costs.