

Marching Band Fees

Unfortunately, the Board of Education does not fund extra-curricular activities, in particular, Marching Band. Therefore, our program is solely supported by the band boosters and the projects that generate funds that are implemented by the students. **This fee is set in the Spring of the year after the budget is approved.** Transportation, equipment, music fees, meals, and band camp staff just scratch the surface of the expenses incurred during the year. In order to offset certain costs related to the marching band, members are required to pay the following fees to participate.

We understand that the economy has caused some families to go through tough times. Please understand that we will work with any family to develop a payment plan that will allow your student to participate. The HCHS band will not refuse any student. If there is a financial issue we must be made aware so that we can work with you. The only individuals that would have this information is Mr. Shaw and the Treasurer.

Fundraising is now available: See the attached/included Vidalia Onion sale form. 5.00 per bag will go towards your student's band account.

Approved fees for 2009 - 2010

Winds and Percussion:

Activity Fee	Football Band	\$ 250.00
Activity Fee	Comp Band	\$ 25.00 add'l
Non -Marching		\$ 50.00**

**(\$25 each semester)

Flag Corps Members:

Uniform Cost	\$130.00*
Activity Fee	\$ 175.00

*Just an estimate. May be less, may be a little more. The color guard instructor will have a slightly different payment schedule that will accommodate the guard fees.

A \$50.00 deposit that will be applied toward your activity fee is due before the end of school in May. This deposit is considered a financial commitment to the marching band and is non-refundable if a student decides to quit during the summer after we have purchased music and written the marching drill. In June, a \$75.00 uniform fitting fee is due. Booster policy states that **a student will not be measured and fitted for a band uniform until this deposit is paid.** We will accept the deposit after the deadline but uniforms are fitted and assigned on a first-come first-serve basis on designated fitting days. The longer a student waits to pay their fees, the greater the possibility that a perfectly sized uniform may not be available. The next installment of \$75.00 of the activity fee is due by the first day of band camp. The Final Installment of \$50.00 is due one week before the first football game. Fundraisers will be sponsored by the boosters during the spring and summer to help students off set the cost of the activity fees. Fees do not have to be paid in installments, they can certainly be paid at one time. No student will be unable to participate due to an inability to pay fees by the stated deadlines. The boosters will work some type plan out to both party's agreement.

Non-marching band students will need to pay a \$25 per semester uniform, music, copier, instruction, clinician and transportation fee to offset the cost of judges for auditions, copy paper, uniform cleaning and transportation to and from festival sights. Remember, fees are set and voted on by the booster organization.