

FEES - FUNDRAISING - FAIR SHARE

Band Commitment Fee

(due in May of previous year)

Required for ALL students in the band program

\$75.00 payment/\$100 for percussion (Non-refundable)*

Covers expenses for staff, guest clinicians/instructors, music for all ensembles and office supplies.

Band Camp Fee

(due by first day of Band Camp)

Required for Golden Regiment members

\$100.00 payment (Non-refundable)*

Covers expenses for the "Golden Regiment" Marching Band Camp and SUDA Rookie Camp at BHS. Fee includes one official SUDA T-shirt and a Black Performance Cooler for all new members.

Fair Share (Golden Regiment)

Required for Golden Regiment members

\$425.00 payment or fundraised (Non-refundable)*

Covers the band program's operating expenses for the entire year. See detailed explanation below.

Fair Share (Exempt students only)

Required for students medically or otherwise exempt from participation in the Golden Regiment

\$150.00 payment or fundraised (Non-refundable)*

Covers approximately 25% of the band program's operating expenses for the entire year. See detailed explanation below.

Instrument Rental Fee

\$50.00 per semester; \$25.00 for summer

This fee must be paid by anyone using a school or booster-owned instrument. The rental agreement allows the student to use the instrument, with the stipulation that he/she is financially responsible for any damages or loss incurred during the rental period.

What is Fair Share?

Each of us must do our **"fair share"** if the band is to travel and purchase necessary equipment. **It is not fair for a few to work or pay the way for all.** Each band member is expected to do his/her "Fair Share" of the fundraising - minimum \$425.00. In lieu of, or in addition to, fundraising participation, tax-deductible donations are always welcome.

The Fair Share will cover the band's planned operating expenses for the entire year. Budgeted items include instruments, repairs, travel, MPA/Competition entry fees, uniform cleaning and repairs, marching and auxiliary equipment, transportation, staff, guest clinicians/instructors, student awards, etc. Students will not be individually assessed for band trips, with the exception of "Special Event" trips. The student's Fair Share requirement will cover all regular expenses.

Ample fundraising opportunities are provided for students and their families to earn the Fair Share. Fair Share fundraising profits will be applied to the student's individual Fair Share account. Once a student has paid or raised his/her required Fair Share, additional funds earned through Fair Share fundraising participation will be credited to the individual student's account and may be used in one of the following ways: as an individual student account for future band-related expenses; to assist a needy student; for the general fund. These additional funds may also be rolled over to the next school year.

Those who prefer to pay or fundraise the Fair Share in increments may do so following the scheduled deadlines. The deadlines for payments or for fundraising accomplishments are listed clearly below and on the band website. Students who fail to pay required fees or turn in items on the scheduled deadlines will have their name placed on the school's financial obligation list. Nobody wants to penalize or exclude students who have financial hardships, but if those families do not contribute by fundraising their Fair Share, then it is unfair to those who have paid. Special financial hardship payment plans are available through the Band Booster Treasurer.

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* Fees and Fair Share payments are non-refundable. The annual budget is based upon the needs of the band program divided equally among the program enrollment. Failure to participate in the band program will not relieve the student of his/her responsibility. Failure to maintain academic eligibility will not relieve the student of his/her responsibility. Appeal of this policy may be submitted in writing to the Band Director and Band Boosters.

Payment Procedure

- ◆ Make checks payable to "Buchholz Band Boosters."
- ◆ Write the student's name and purpose of check in the memo section of check.
- ◆ When paying with cash, put the money in a sealed envelope. On the outside of envelope, write the student's name, amount, and purpose of payment. Then, deposit payment in band room lock box.
- ◆ Meet deadlines or contact the Treasurer for other payment arrangements.

Fair Share Payment Schedule

1 st Payment Due	Tuesday, September 6, 2011	\$125.00
2 nd Payment Due	Tuesday, October 4, 2011	\$125.00
3 rd Payment Due	Tuesday, November 1, 2011	\$125.00
4 th Payment Due	Tuesday, December 6, 2011	\$ 50.00