

# Pride of the Wildcats: Fair Share Guide (2026–2027)

Brought to you by the Broward Wildcats Band Booster Association, Inc. (BWBBA)

Welcome to the band family! Our goal is to give every student an amazing musical experience. To make that happen, our parent booster club (BWBBA) funds almost the entire program, including specialized staff, show designs, uniforms, and travel costs.

 **1. What is "Fair Share"?** Fair Share is the actual cost to run the band divided by the number of students. In line with Broward County Public Schools' rules, all financial contributions are strictly voluntary. No student will ever be left out or graded down if a family cannot pay or fundraise.

However, because the BWBBA has no outside funding, we rely completely on our families to reach these voluntary program goals to keep our season running:

- **Marching Band Contribution Goal:** \$1,105 per student (*for students participating in Marching Season, This Fair Share contribution includes Competitions, Football games, and Concert Season*)
- **Football Performance Only Goal:** \$170 per student (*for students not participating in Marching Season, including Competitions, but do perform with the Band & Guard at Football Games. Football Performance Band and Percussion students will also be required to contribute the Concert Band Goal below*)
- **Concert Band Only Goal:** \$240 per student (*for students who did NOT participate in Marching Band*)

 **2. How to Meet Your Family's Contribution Goal by Fundraising:** We want to help every family reach these goals! You can make progress towards your Fair Share through the following fundraisers:

- **Arena Volunteering:** For every full volunteer shift you or an adult family member works at Arena Fundraising events, BWBBA will apply 80% of those earnings towards your fair share. If you continue to volunteer at the Arena *after you have reached your Fair Share fundraising and contribution goal*, then you will earn **50 Booster Credits** towards eligible items in the online store.
- **Fundraising Store Rewards:** The treasurer will apply funds you and your student raise towards your Fair Share contribution goal during our **Chocolate Sale** or **Snap! Raise** campaigns. For every \$100 your student raises over and above *your Fair Share Fundraising and contribution goal* you will earn **10 Booster Credits** to use for eligible items in our online band store.

 **3. Important Rules to Keep in Mind** Because BWBBA is a registered 501(c)(3) charity, the IRS sets strict rules on how we handle money. Please review these terms:

- **No Cash Payouts:** All earned credits and discounts apply directly to your account statements inside Booster Hub to lower your goals or buy gear. **We cannot legally give out actual cash, physical refunds, or checks to individuals.**
- **Credits Do Not Transfer:** Earned credits are tied directly to your family's account. They cannot be carried over to future **calendar** years. *If you raise funds after January 1, and you wish to apply funds towards the next season's fair share, please communicate with the Treasurer.*
- **Leaving the Program:** If a student leaves the Pride of the Wildcats program, any unapplied Booster Credits are immediately canceled, and the funds stay in the general band account to support the remaining students.

## FAMILY FINANCIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT & SUPPORT

Please read and check the appropriate boxes below to complete your student's registration profile in Booster Hub.

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Student Name</b> |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Section</b>      |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Program(s)</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band - Competition Season<br><input type="checkbox"/> Football only (do not check if Marching!)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band |

- ☐ **I have read and understand the 2026–2027 Family Financial Guide.** I understand the voluntary nature of the Fair Share contribution goals, the rules of the BWBBA volunteer discount program, and that all funds raised or contributed serve the collective educational mission of the entire band program.

### My Family's Planned Support Path (Please check all that apply):

☐ **Path 1: Ready to Give Financial Support**

Our family plans to meet our voluntary Fair Share contribution goal through direct financial payments. *(You can make a one-time payment or set up a recurring, 4 part auto-draft payment plan right inside your Booster Hub account dashboard or in the online store).*

☐ **Path 2: Ready to Raise Support (Fundraising & Service)**

Our family plans to meet or reduce our voluntary contribution goal by actively participating in upcoming BWBBA fundraisers, working Arena Fundraising volunteer shifts, selling Chocolate, participating in the annual Snap Raise fundraiser, or securing corporate sponsorships. We understand that the Treasurer will monitor this, and communicate with us if we don't reach this goal.

☐ **Path 3: Requesting Special Assistance or Consideration**

Our family is experiencing financial hardship or unique circumstances. We would like private, confidential consideration for a tailored payment schedule or financial assistance from the BWBBA. **Please have the Band Director or Booster Treasurer reach out to us privately.**

Student Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by **Wednesday, August 19**. You may scan and email it to **treasurer@prideofthewildcats.com**, or submit the signed signature page to Mr. Tracey or Kati LeTourneau.