

As we begin preparing for the 2026–2027 marching season, I want to share some important updates about next year’s Band Commitment Fee and our Fair Share Policy.

### **Band Commitment Fee – \$100**

The Band Commitment Fee for the 2026–2027 season is **\$100**. This required fee confirms your student’s spot in the marching band and helps us secure show materials, reserve staff, and begin planning well before the season starts.

This fee is **due by the end of Rookie Camp, June 5th**. Submitting it on time ensures your student is officially counted on the roster and allows us to move forward confidently with drill design, equipment orders, and early-season logistics.

### **Band Participation Fee – \$250**

After the \$100 Commitment Fee, the next required payment for the season is the **\$250 Band Participation Fee**. This fee covers the essential costs of running the marching program throughout the year — things like music, drill, show materials, transportation support, equipment needs, and other core expenses that keep the program functioning.

This fee is **due by Band Camp in August**.

However, if your family needs additional time, you can select the **“Pay Later”** option in BoosterHub, which will allow you to set up a payment plan. We want every family to feel supported, and the payment plan option is there to make the process more manageable.

We also understand that unexpected financial hardships can happen. If your family finds yourselves in a difficult situation, please reach out to the director or any board member. We never want a student to miss out on marching season because of financial challenges. We’re here to help and support every family.

## **Introducing Our Fair Share Policy**

We want every family to feel informed, supported, and confident as we head into a new season. One of the ways we do this is through our new **Fair Share Policy**, which ensures fundraising opportunities are distributed fairly and benefit all students who participate.

## How It Works

- When the band participates in a fundraiser that offers volunteer earnings, **25% of the total profit** is set aside as “Fair Share.”

That amount is then **divided equally among the families who volunteered** at that event. This system recognizes the time and effort families contribute while keeping the process transparent and equitable.

## What Fair Share *Can* Be Used For

Fair Share credits may be applied to **optional** band expenses, including:

- Travel costs (such as the Hawaii 2028 trip)
- Band merchandise and spirit wear
- Optional activities or add-ons throughout the year (Nightbeat, shoes, etc)

These credits help families offset the “extras” that make the band fun and memorable.

## What Fair Share *Cannot* Be Used For

To remain compliant with nonprofit regulations, Fair Share credits **cannot** be applied to required program fees, including:

- The **\$250 Band Participation Fee**
- The **\$100 Band Commitment Fee**

These required fees support the essential operations of the marching program—staffing, show design, music, drill, equipment, and early-season planning.

## One Credit Per Family

Even if multiple family members volunteer at the same event, each family receives **one Fair Share credit** for that opportunity. This keeps the system fair and consistent for everyone.

## Why This Matters

The Fair Share system ensures that:

- Families who volunteer have a meaningful way to reduce optional costs
- All students have equal access to earning opportunities
- The booster club remains transparent, compliant, and fair to every family