

Band Fees (2009-10)

Band Fees: Due August 18th (first day of band camp for everyone)

\$225 if paid by July 1st,

\$250 if paid after July 1st

(each additional student from the same family \$175 by July 1st (\$200 by August 18th))

Checks to: 'FCHS Band Aides'

Postmarked envelope by July 1st to:

**FCHS Band
7521 Jaguar Trail
Falls Church, VA 22042**

Being in the FCHS Band is a tremendously rewarding experience. However, the Band receives only minimal transportation support from Fairfax County for the program. To offset our operational costs, we collect a minimal fee from the Band students (as do the majority of all other FCHS activities) and fundraise like crazy! So that you can better understand what our operational costs are, the Band Aides have broken down how much we spend towards our activities:

FCHS Band Aides spending per student for 1 year = \$800 (does not include the spring trip)

Breakdown:

Clinicians and Instructors, camp and throughout the year	\$200
Uniforms, Concert attire and T-shirt	\$200
Music, Instruments and Drill	\$100
Transportation and Participation fees (Competitions, solo ensemble etc)	\$175
Hospitality (Banquet, Concerts, Pizza)	\$75
Awards; Scholarship; Leadership training	\$25
Office	<u>\$25</u>
Total	<u>\$800</u>

(DO NOT PAY THIS AMOUNT)

BAND FEES DUE:
(see above for instructions)

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Our parent group, Band Aides, has taken on a large **fundraising** role each year to help offset the total cost for our children to participate. Last year, the Band Aides raised over \$35,000 which helped cover approximately **60% of the cost of participation** in Marching and Concert Band. Everyone needs to help—see attached information on fundraising plans for next year.

Students can do **individual fundraising** to offset this trip cost by doing activities coordinated by the Band Aides. Examples include: the selling of Holiday “Greens” and Citrus in the fall and other targeted fundraising that adds monies into student accounts. **Several students paid for their ENTIRE Spring Trip (approx. \$500) by fundraising.** Student fundraising totaled \$5,000 last year.