



# WEST BLOOMFIELD BANDS

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## Marching Band Fee Policy

### Why We Charge Fees

Putting together a high quality, state championship-caliber, competitive Marching Band is not cheap. Some of the major expenses include show design, drill writing, musical arrangement, staffing, transportation, props, uniforms, instruments, any trips we take, as well as instrument and equipment repair and replacement, among many other costs.

Because the BBAWB is a stand-alone 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, virtually all of the money that is spent on extracurricular band activities must be raised either through fees or through fundraising. The school district cannot guarantee any funding for our programs in any given year, and when it does provide funding, it can only be spent in the categories in which the money is allocated. As we are never sure how much district funding we will receive, we must create our budget on the assumption that we may not receive any such funding at all.

### Deposit

The non-refundable deposit ensures each student a place on the field of competition. Thousands of dollars are spent up front on show design and drill writing, and your deposit represents your student's commitment to participation, including perfect attendance at rehearsals and at all competitions, performances and recruiting trips to the middle schools.

***This year, the fee for the 2019 Marching Band season is \$925.00, plus \$150 fundraising***

### All Payments Must Be On Time

***All fees must be paid on time.*** To do so otherwise jeopardizes your participation in your student's Marching Band this year, and other BBAWB-sponsored activities in the future, including our Winter Ensembles (Winter Percussion and Guard), and is unfair to other members who pay on time. If your student's account is not current according to the fee schedule on the reverse side, the student may not be allowed to participate in Marching Band, including any performances, trips and end of season celebration, until payment is made in full. *Students may not participate if they have outstanding fees from past Marching Band or Winter Ensemble seasons.*

***Late Fee.*** Marching Band payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. **Any payment received more than ten (10) days after the due date will be automatically assessed a late fee of \$25.** Every effort will be made to ensure that your student(s) are able to fully participate in Marching Band; however, chronic non-payment may result in your child's removal from the program.

### Refund Policy for Fees

***Marching Band fees are non-refundable.*** Students who begin the season and do not finish the season are NOT eligible for a fees refund.

### Financial Assistance

If Marching Band fees will create a financial hardship for your family, please contact a BBAWB Board Member or Mr. Dyer for assistance.

### Fundraising

The BBAWB and Director of Bands will offer fundraisers throughout the season to help defray the cost of the program and any unexpected expenses that may arise. Some fundraisers may offer points for individual student accounts, others may not. In any event, all students are expected to participate in our fundraising efforts.

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**I have read and agree to the West Bloomfield High School Marching Band Fee Policy. I understand that this is a requirement for my student to participate in all Marching Band activities. Non-payment may result in my child being unable to participate in Marching Band and BBAWB-sponsored events in the future, including the Winter Ensembles (Winter Percussion and Winter Guard); and in the case of graduating seniors, having their diploma being held. Please sign and return one policy to the Treasurer, and retain a copy for your records.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_