

## Winter Program Fee Policy

### Why We Charge Fees

"Winter Program" activities include Winter Percussion, Varsity Winter Guard, and Junior Varsity Winter Guard. Putting together a high quality, state championship-caliber, competitive Winter Program is not cheap. Some of the major expenses include show design, drill writing, musical arrangement, staffing, transportation, props, flags, uniforms, instruments (in the case of winter percussion), 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 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.

### All Payments Must Be On Time

For 2019-2020, the fees for the Winter Programs are as follows:

**JV Guard:** \$750

**Varsity Guard:** \$1,125

**Winter Percussion:** \$1,125

**All fees must be paid on time.** To do so otherwise jeopardizes your participation in your student's Winter Program this year, and other BBAWB-sponsored activities in the future, including Marching Band, and is unfair to other members who pay on time. If your student's account is not current according to the fee schedule below, the student may not be allowed to participate in Winter Program, 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 Program seasons.*

### Refund Policy for Fees

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

### Fee Schedule (see attachment for exact pricing)

- November: Non-refundable deposit due.
- December: Payment #1 due.
- January: Payment #2 due. (Payments **must** be up to date as of January 15. Students with a past due balance as of this date may be removed from the roster.\*\*)
- February: Payment #3 due.
- March: Payment #4 is due.
- April: **FINAL PAYMENT DUE** (All Winter Program fees are **DUE IN FULL** by April. Any student with a remaining balance, with the lone exception of families who previously made arrangements for payment, may be dismissed from the program.)

*\*\*Under extreme, extenuating circumstances the removal clause may be waived. A confidential, private meeting with the Band Director, Band Booster President and Treasurer is required to enact this clause.*

### Fundraising

One way to reduce Winter Program fees is through fundraising. Your student's Winter Program instructor will offer several fundraisers throughout the season. For each fundraiser, students will be assigned a fundraising goal amount.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- Students who choose not to participate may be asked to pay the goal amount.
- Students whose fundraising falls short of the goal amount may be asked to pay the difference.

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

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

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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