



# WEST CARROLLTON BAND BOOSTERS

## Band Fees - Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What are the band fees for 2010-2011 school year?

A: Marching band is \$500.00, Concert Band is \$25.00. In addition, band camp (required for marching band) is \$220.00. There are also miscellaneous fees that may be required (band shirt, shoes). Fall guard also has a \$150.00 costume fee.

Q: Aren't those fees high?

A: West Carrollton has some of the lowest fees for marching band in the area, plus we are the *only* band that allows parents to earn credit toward their fees.

Q: Credit? How do I earn credit?

A: Students earn credit in fundraisers (car washes, candy sales, etc). Parents can earn credit by working fundraisers (UD Concessions, football concessions). In addition parents can earn extra money by chairing a fundraiser (organizing, setting up and chaperoning, if necessary). Finally, parents can earn a single, special \$50.00 credit by doing some above and beyond (such as taking care of the marching uniforms, etc).

Q: It still seems awful expensive. Where does all of this money go?

A: The band camp fee is fairly obvious, though it does not quite cover the actual cost of band camp each year. Costume fees are the same. Concert band fees go toward music license fees, new music and uniform cleaning.

Q: But the marching fee?

A: A large part goes to staff for the marching season (guard, percussion, marching instructor, show writer, music arrangement). Some goes for contest fees (\$100 per contest). There are also cost associated with equipment and props, and well as maintenance of the trailer and concession stand. There are also costs for office supplies (printer cartridges, paper, stamps, PO Box rental, etc), new instruments and equipment, and a small stipend to the treasurer.

Q: How are these fees billed?

A: There is a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit due in June. The money for band camp is due near the end of July (before band camp), and all accounts **MUST** be PAID IN FULL for a student to board the bus for band camp. After band camp then the remaining \$400.00 in fees is billed against the students account – however we allow payments and fundraising against it throughout the school year – expecting all accounts to be paid in full before school is out. The one exception is for seniors – they must pay their entire fee before band camp (simply because we have had too many seniors in the past graduate owing fees that we have been unable to collect).

Q: What if we can't pay?

A: Talk to the band board. All discussions and arrangements are strictly confidential. Please be aware that our experience so far has been that people **DO NOT KEEP** the arrangements they make.

Q: Are my band fees tax deductible?

A: No. However the West Carrollton Band Boosters are a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization, and any donation is fully tax deductible. Employers and local businesses are encouraged to support the band.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: Our web site is <http://westcarrolltonband.org/>. You can talk to any board member, and if you have specific questions on fees, talk to the treasurer – Mike Carter. You can email him at [puggimer@earthlink.net](mailto:puggimer@earthlink.net), or call his cell at 937-478-9412. It is best to call in the evenings, as he can't access your records at work.