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The Bands of Ola High School

## Ola High School Marching Band Financial Obligation Information Sheet

As you can imagine, offering a top quality marching program is an expensive endeavor. It is expected that all students joining the marching band program will fulfill their financial obligations. Neglecting to fulfill financial obligations could jeopardize your student's membership in the OHS Marching Band.

### The 2010 Ola High School Marching Band Dues will be:

\$350 for Winds and Percussion members  
\$450 for Colorguard members

*Colorguard members have additional fees for individual uniforms, flag design, silk costs, and extra instructor fees. Uniforms and flags change every year for the colorguard. While the students pay extra for the uniforms and flags, the students will not be allowed to keep the uniform or any flags once the season is over. The uniforms and flags are all the property of the OHS Band Program.*

The marching band will also be traveling to a band competition out of state in mid-October. All marching band students will have an additional payment of \$250 to cover the trip expenses.

The payment schedule is divided into four equal payments as listed below.

### Marching Band Payments Schedule for Fall 2010:

May 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	Payment #1	\$150.00 (for band and colorguard)
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Payment #2	\$150.00 (for band and colorguard)
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Payment #3	\$150.00 (for band) and \$200.00 (for colorguard)
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Payment #4	\$150.00 (for band) and \$200.00 (for colorguard)

*There is a flat rate discount of \$100.00 off the total cost for parents with two children in the marching band.*

### What do the costs for Marching Band cover?

Designing and producing a competitive marching band presents new and exciting challenges each and every year. No two years are the same and our vision for the marching band members can range from simple to intricate. Our band booster organization sets forth a yearly budget based off our expectations for the season. Throughout the school year, we may need to adapt the budget to fit the show needs. Our organization offers the opportunity to view budget reports at our monthly band booster meetings.

With that said, here are some common expenses that the marching band deals with on a year to year basis:

- Music arrangements for the competitive halftime show
- Percussion arrangements for the competitive halftime show
- Drill for the competitive halftime show
- Stand football music (pep songs)
- Instructor fees (band camp and throughout the fall season)
- Band camp expenses
- Show shirts
- Travel for the season
- Uniform expenses and upkeep
- Field marking supplies
- Food and snacks throughout the season and for band camp
- Show props
- Electronic sound equipment along with microphone and speaker upkeep
- Marching percussion materials and necessary percussion maintenance upkeep
- School instruments (repair and upkeep)
- Contest fees
- General expenses for the band members

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is Band Camp?** Band camp is the culmination of the creative process for the marching band show. For this year, marching band camp will be held on the campus of Ola High School. Students will learn how to march, play while marching, play in an outdoor environment, and will learn the importance of team membership to create a rewarding musical experience. Students will receive instruction from staff members in marching and playing in both individual and ensemble settings. Many bonds are formed in the marching band camp. Aside from marching and playing, ideals of trust, responsibility, teamwork, goal setting and achievement, and character are all components of the camp experience.

**Is Band Camp mandatory if I plan on being in the marching band?** Unless a conflict is previously discussed with directors, yes, the marching band camp is mandatory. We will cover the equivalent of nearly six weeks of regular rehearsal hours in just a few days. The process of learning marching drill is dependent on the “dots” in the drill being filled. Without the charted marcher in attendance at any given time, it becomes difficult for those around him or her to successfully march their drill. Likewise, promptness to all rehearsals is required, so we may all begin at the same time. When the rehearsal time is posted, please plan to arrive 15-20 minutes prior so that you are ready to begin at the given time. We also ask that unless already cleared in writing, all doctor appointments not be scheduled during band camp. Attendance and promptness will be documented at each rehearsal per band policies. Leadership members will notify the directors of tardiness and/or absence.

**What should I wear to Band Camp?** T-shirts, shorts, and tennis shoes are the suggested attire for camp. Please remember that attire must be school appropriate—school dress code rules are in effect. Bare midriffs, cut-off T-shirts, bathing suit tops, and T-shirts containing suggestive material or advertising/advocating drugs or alcohol will not be allowed. Any student wearing such clothing will be asked to return home to change. Students’ feet are very crucial to your success as a marching member; therefore, please

wear athletic shoes that will be comfortable and allow you flexibility to move easily. Flip-flops, swimming shoes, and sandals are not allowed for any marching rehearsal including band camp. Students must wear shoes at all times while at camp. Stepping on a sharp object could potentially take you out of the show for the season. ***Please bring sunscreen, baseball caps, sunglasses, and lots of water to drink, including a water jug.*** You will spend approximately 4 hours per day, minimum, in the sun. We will work hard, **have fun**, and take frequent water breaks. **We will take care of you**, but you must also be prepared to take care of yourself.

**Does high school band conflict with academics?** *No! Research shows that it enhances academics...* Most students will never encounter a problem enrolling in a band class for all four years of high school. From National Music Education Research, it has been found that students participating in band for two years score higher: SAT Verbal-20 points higher, SAT Math-25 points higher. Also, MORE THAN 75% of area band students enroll in Honors & AP courses! Finally, 60-75% of band seniors nationwide graduate “with honor” distinctions, and 25% of area marching band students have a 4.0 or higher GPA while participating in marching band!

**What about fund-raising?** The Ola Band program will be funded, almost exclusively, through fund-raising projects organized by the Ola High School Band Parent Association and by student dues. Throughout the year there are many opportunities for both parents and students to raise money for the band program as a whole and for their individual student accounts. The Band Booster Club will provide financial support for the band activities. A variety of fund raisers are held throughout the school year to help generate general band funds and they will also be designed to create realistic opportunities for families to cover additional fees through their personal participation in these fund raisers.

**What is a student individual account?** All student payments and fundraising is kept track of through the Band Booster Treasurer. This account will show any balances owed for fees, as well as credits for money earned through fundraising that can be applied to future fees or trip payments. Parents can expect to receive regular updates on their student’s account.

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### **From the Director’s Viewpoint**

*Why do I believe a student should participate in band all 4 years of high school?*

Joining the Ola High School Band is one of the most rewarding, educational, and fun things a new student at Ola High School can choose to do. Besides the obvious reasons to join band, such as making new friends, learning new music, and having fun, there is a lot more you can gain from being in band at OHS.

As a teacher, I want my students to be well prepared for their futures as successful college students, employees, and community leaders with a passion for life; I want OHS band students to be individuals who will go out and make a positive difference in our world. And I have done my research! I know the skills needed for a student to be well prepared in a very competitive society. I know that nothing else in the high school curricular setting develops multifaceted critical and spatial thinking better and more in-depth than four years of band. I know that band students with 4 years of band **will score significantly**

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**higher on the SAT/ACT** test than students without. Colleges and businesses are looking for people who are educated AND can be organized, manage time wisely, work well with other people, demonstrate discipline, think creatively, and know how to perform well under pressure. Do you see a class offering those critical life skills in the program of study book? No, but band does all of those things!