



## James Madison High School Band Program Cost Summary 2014-2015

The James Madison High School Band Program is preparing for another exciting year of music! We are delighted to welcome our new band students and families, as well as welcome back our returning musicians, guard members, and their families.

This Cost Summary lists the two types of costs involved in participation in the JMHS Band Program: (1) the various FCPS fees and (2) JMHS Band Boosters donations. Both are explained in more detail on the attached letters.

### FCPS FEES (2014-2015)

Summarized Fees for 2014-2015				
Activity	Type of Fee	Fee		Due Date
		Male	Female	
Marching Band	Marching Band Course Material Fee	\$350		July 1, 2014*
Marching Band	Uniform Accessories	\$30		July 1, 2014*
Concert Band	Uniform Accessories Rental/Purchase	\$65	\$80	November 1, 2014
Concert Band	Musical Instrument Rental	Varies		October 1, 2014
Concert Band	Individual Performance Opportunities	Varies		Varies by Event
Jazz Band	Uniform Accessories	\$25		November 1, 2014
Winter Guard	Optional Activity	Varies		December 1, 2014
Music Department Spring Trip	Optional Activity	Varies		Varies by Event

### JMHS BAND BOOSTERS DONATION (2014-2015)

**All JMHS Band families are asked to contribute a minimum of \$500 per student to the JMHS Band Boosters.**

Your Boosters donation helps fund pre-season band camp and competition travel costs (this year the Pride of Vienna is competing at Grand Nationals in Indianapolis!), along with the Band expenses described in the attached letter.

# James Madison High School Band Program

## Finance Information and Policies

### School Year 2014-2015

As of the 2014-15 school year, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has initiated a new structure for the collection and disbursement of required FCPS materials fees and fees for FCPS-sponsored optional activities. The James Madison High School Band program will be implementing these changes as directed by FCPS regulations.

FCPS will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the marching band program except for musical instrument and consumable fees permitted by Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) regulations. No individual school or booster organization may require a student to pay fees for musical instruments and consumables in excess of the amount approved by the School Board in Notice 5922, Revenue, Tuition, and Fees – Student Fees.

The new structure for the 2014-2015 school year starts with the collection of marching band fees.

#### **Fee Structure**

The new payment structure includes two types of Fees: FCPS Course Materials Fees and FCPS sponsored optional Activity Fees:

**Course materials fees** cover consumable materials associated with a course and are a required element of that course.

**FCPS-sponsored optional activity fees** are charged in connection with a particular activity and cover some or all of the actual costs of that activity.

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*Optional Payment Schedules for FCPS Marching Fees	
Schedule 1	Schedule 2
<u>July 1 - \$330</u> FCPS Marching Fee - \$300 Shoes - \$30	<u>July 1 - \$180</u> FCPS Marching Fee - \$150 Shoes - \$30
	<u>August 11 - \$150</u> FCPS Marching Fee - \$150

## Marching Band

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**FCPS Marching Band Course Material Fee - \$300:** The FCPS Marching Band Fee is similar to required fees that you pay for certain other FCPS classes. It covers consumable materials for the marching season. The FCPS Marching Band Fee is a required FCPS fee for participating in the band classes at JMHS.

Included as components of this fee: Uniform rental cleaning and maintenance, Uniform accessories (gloves, shirts, etc.), Drill workbook construction, Music workbook construction, Music copyright services, Choreography, Instrument accessories, Equipment Repair, food, etc. If fees collected exceed the costs incurred for all consumable materials, any excess fees will be set aside in an FCPS reserve account to fund future purchases of marching band uniforms.

**Marching/Color Guard Uniform Accessories – Amount Varies:** Certain uniform accessory items are required to be purchased separately by the students as needed. Examples of these items include marching band shoes, color guard shoes, color guard gloves, and replacement t-shirts (the first one is included in the course materials fee).

Marching Shoes - \$30: Marching Band Black Shoes are a necessary component of the Marching Uniform. New marching members purchase shoes; returning members can purchase on an as-needed basis.

## Concert Band (Wind Symphony, Symphonic Band, Percussion, Concert Techniques)

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**FCPS Music Instrument Rental:** This required fee only applies to students who play school-owned instruments and covers maintenance costs of those instruments.

Percussion (This includes 1 Semester Marching and 2 Concert):	\$78	Rental
Wind Instrument (Full Year – 1 Instrument):	\$92	Rental

**Uniform Accessories – Amount Varies:** Uniform accessory items are required to be rented/purchased separately by the students as needed. Students are responsible for purchasing and maintaining their shirt (including stud buttons), dress, and black dress shoes.

**Concert Uniform (Boys):** Concert Black Tuxedos are the concert uniform for all Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Members. New members purchase a tuxedo shirt and bow tie; returning members can purchase new shirts and bow ties as needed. Student provides black dress shoes and black socks.

Tuxedo jacket and pants	\$45	Rent
White tuxedo shirt	\$15	Buy
Bow Tie Only	\$5	Buy

**Concert Uniform (Girls):** A long black uniform dress with faux pearls is the concert uniform for all Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band Members. New members purchase the standard dress and pearls; returning members can purchase new items as needed. Students provide their own black dress shoes and **BLACK** stockings.

Long black uniform dress	\$72	Buy
Faux pearls	\$8	Buy

**Trip Activity Fee (Actual cost TBD – refund policy TBD):** This optional activity fee covers the cost of trips taken by the concert bands. All concert bands generally go on one overnight trip to perform in a competition during the Spring. There have also been additional overnight trips in certain years. For example, the Wind Symphony has travelled to VMEA Conference in Virginia Beach, VA and to the Bands of America National Festival in Indianapolis, IN. While these overnight trips are not a required component of any course, most students generally choose to participate. Trip fees are determined and assessed based on the estimated costs of the trip (transportation, hotel, certain meals, etc.). If fees collected exceed the actual cost of the trip, any excess fees will be refunded. Because of the Marching Band's trip to Grand Nationals this year, the optional Spring Trip is expected to be modest in scope and cost this year. Likewise, we do not expect to travel to any overnight competitions this year (other than the trip to Grand Nationals in November, which will not incur an additional Trip Activity Fee).

**Individual Performance Opportunities (amount varies – due date TBD):** There are opportunities throughout the school year for individual students to choose to audition for and/or participate in other bands. Examples include the All-District or All-State Band, and the Solo and Ensemble Festival. Audition or participation fees are often assessed for these opportunities by the sponsoring organization. Such fees are not established by JMHS, but JMHS often assists in the collection of these fees from individuals who elect to participate and the submission of one group payment to the respective third party. These fees are communicated at the time other information about these opportunities is communicated.

## Jazz Band

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**Uniform Accessories – Amount Varies:** Red Jazz Band Shirts are the uniform for the Jazz Band. All members purchase a shirt on a yearly basis. Jazz Band ties are provided for the students. Students provide black slacks, dress shoes, and socks.

Red long-sleeve dress shirt \$25 Buy

## Winter Guard

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**Winter Guard Activity Fee (amount varies – due date TBD):** This fee covers a portion of the costs of Winter (Indoor) Guard which is an FCPS-sponsored optional activity. Examples of such costs are Winter Guard Director, instructional staff, Winter Guard equipment and transportation of equipment to competitions. Fundraising proceeds are used to fund remaining costs associated with the Winter Guard.

**Uniform Accessories (amount varies – due date TBD):** Certain accessory items are required to be purchased separately by the students as needed. Examples of these items include warm up suits, color guard shoes, and color guard gloves.

**Winter Guard Trip Activity Fee (Actual cost TBD – refund policy TBD):** This fee covers the cost of trips taken by the Winter Guard to competitions. The Winter Guard sometimes goes on an overnight trip to perform in a competition during the Spring. Trip fees are determined and assessed based on the estimated costs of the trip (transportation, hotel, certain meals, etc.). If fees collected exceed the actual cost of the trip, any excess fees will be refunded.

## Payment Policies

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FCPS Fee Payments may be made via cash or check as described below.

Payments made by check should be placed in the black lockbox within the band room. If paying by check, **please make the check payable to JMHS and write the name of the student and the name of the fee being paid in the memo line of the check.**

Please note that a fee will be assessed for any returned checks. Such fee will be the actual amount charged by the bank related to the returned check, not to exceed \$50.

### Refunds

Typically fees paid are non-refundable once commitments and purchases have been made. These refund policies will be communicated separately as they relate to individual activities.

*Financial assistance is available for those in need of such assistance. Requests for financial assistance should be made directly to the Band Director prior to the due date for the related item using the Financial Assistance Request Form available on the Band Web Site. Financial assistance may be granted at the Band Director's discretion.*



**Welcome to our new band families, and welcome back to those who are returning for another year of making beautiful – and award-winning – music!**

As with many enriching school activities, the cost for running the Band and Guard program is only partially covered by the ever-strained FCPS budget. Funding is received from three sources: FCPS allocated Funds, FCPS Course Material and Activity Fees paid by parents, and fundraising by the JMHS Band Boosters.

The JMHS Band Boosters is a 501(c)(3) organization that raises money vigorously to support our students. All Band parents are automatically members, and relatives, friends, and members of the community are invited to sponsor the Band. Boosters funds are used to pay for:

- Marching Competition Travel & Lodging
- Marching Band & Guard Instructors
- Sectionals Teachers
- Instrument Purchase & Repair
- Sheet Music
- Financial assistance to needy Band students
- . . . and much, much more!

The Boosters' main fundraising events are **Tag Day** (an early Fall event in which all Band members walk door-to-door, in uniform, asking for support from Vienna households), the **Turkey Trot** (a 5K/10K race run by thousands of DC-area runners on the weekend before Thanksgiving), and **Tiny Tots** (a holiday concert presented in December to area families, day cares, and preschools). In addition, Band and Guard families can raise money by buying grocery scrip and selling wrapping paper, citrus fruit, and White House Christmas tree ornaments.

*In addition to the revenue from the above fundraising events, the Band Boosters needs to raise an average of **\$500 per student via individual donations**. For the Band program to continue to perform at the level that is enjoyed by the students, parents, and the Vienna community, we need to achieve a **100% Participation Rate among families**.*

**SPECIAL – receive two free JMHS Band stadium cushions for every family who donates \$500 or more by the end of the current school year** (i.e., June 25, 2014). Cushions will be available for pick-up in time for the first football game in the fall.

Attached is a form inviting you to become a Sponsor of the JMHS Band Boosters. **Please make a voluntary contribution to the Band Boosters of at least \$500 per student.** If you are fortunate to have the resources to make a larger contribution, please consider doing so. **Donations may be made by check, cash, or credit card and are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.** Please consult your tax advisor.

**Thank you for supporting the JMHS Band!**



In order to continue the James Madison High School Band Parents' support of the excellent Band program at James Madison High School, we are asking YOU for YOUR support. It costs approximately \$1300 per student to participate in the JMHS Band, and only a portion of that cost is covered by FCPS and required fees. JMHS Band Parents (aka Band Boosters) raises money every year to cover the difference and to offer scholarships so that every child who wishes to participate in Band may do so, without regard to financial need.

Through your generosity, JMHS Band Parents can continue to provide much-needed funds for sheet music, marching band instructors, sectionals instructors, instruments, equipment, and transportation to our very successful competitions—including this year's special trip to Indianapolis for the Grand National Championships in November. **Please make a voluntary contribution to the Band Boosters of at least \$500 per student.** If you are fortunate to have the resources to make a larger contribution, please consider doing so, as there may be some families for whom this amount would represent a true financial hardship.

Thank you in advance for supporting our Band students' wonderful experiences and accomplishments!

# Yes, I pledge to support the JMHS Band!

Name, as you would like it listed: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your donation in support of a specific student? If so, whom? \_\_\_\_\_

- Drum Major \$5000+
- Guard Captain \$2500
- Section Leader \$1000
- Soloist \$750
- First Chair \$500**  
**We need to raise an average of \$500 for every member of the band**
- Other \$\_\_\_\_\_
- My check is enclosed
- I will fulfill my pledge with two equal donations on August 1 and November 1, 2014.
- I will fulfill my pledge with 10 monthly donations from August through May.
- I wish to remain anonymous
- My employer will match my contribution

**The JMHS Band Parents Organization (aka Band Boosters) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor.**

*Please mail this form along with your check payable to:*  
JMHS Band Parents, James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna VA 22181  
or contribute online: [www.jmhsband.org/boosters](http://www.jmhsband.org/boosters)

## Thank you for your support!