

McLean High School Band Program

Finance Information and Policies

For School Year 2015-2016

The following is a description of **McLean High School Band Program** course material fees and FCPS-sponsored optional activity fees for participation in the music program for the upcoming season.

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. Schools cannot require a student to pay fees for course materials in excess of the amount approved by the School Board in Notice 5922, Revenue, Tuition, and Fees – Student Fees.

Fee Structure

The fee structure includes required Course Materials Fees and FCPS sponsored optional Activity Fees. Required 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. Participation in the particular activity is optional, but if a student decides to participate in the activity, payment of the activity fee is required. Any fees collected that exceed actual cost of materials or activities will be set aside in an FCPS reserve account to fund future purchases of band uniforms. ←

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Marching Band (including Color Guard)

Marching Band Course Materials Fee (\$160 due by May 1, 2015): This fee is similar to required fees paid for certain, other FCPS classes. It covers consumable materials related to the course. Examples of the consumable materials covered by this fee include: uniform purchases and maintenance, the drill book, music/choreography for the show, band t-shirt, instrument accessories, equipment repairs, and food during instructional activities. 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 band uniforms.

Marching Band Camp Activity Fee (\$340 due by June 1, 2015 and non-refundable after July 1, 2015): This is an optional activity fee that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in marching band. While participation in marching band is a required element of the Symphonic band course, a student still has the choice of whether to participate in Symphonic Band or not. For a student who does not desire to participate in marching band, they can sign up for the Wind Ensemble or Concert Band course. This activity fee covers a portion of the costs of Marching Band Camp (which starts in mid-August and continues through October). Examples of such costs are marching band instruction, food

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and other miscellaneous expenses of Marching Band Camp. If fees collected exceed the costs incurred, any excess fees will be set aside in an FCPS reserve account to fund future purchases of band uniforms.

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Marching/Color Guard Uniform Accessories (amount varies - due by June 1, 2015): Certain uniform accessory items are required to be purchased separately by the students as needed. Orders for such items can be placed in the Charms online store. Examples of these items include marching band shoes, color guard shoes, color guard gloves, and replacement t-shirts.

Marching Band Trip Activity Fee (Actual cost and due date TBD): This optional activity fee covers the cost of trips taken for Marching Band competitions. For the 2015-2016 year, it is anticipated that there will be two competitions that are out of the area. One trip is expected to be one very long day with no overnight, and the other trip is expected to be an overnight trip. The amount of the fee will be determined when more information is available. The fee covers costs such as transportation, hotels (if applicable), and snacks/meals provided during the trip. If fees collected exceed the actual cost of the trip, excess fees will be refunded.

Concert Bands (Symphonic, Wind Ensemble and Concert Bands)

Concert Band Course Materials Fee (\$25 due by September 18, 2015): This fee is similar to the fees that you pay for certain other FCPS classes. It covers consumable materials related to the course. Examples of the materials eligible to be covered by this fee include uniform purchases and maintenance, music, and instrument accessories. 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 band uniforms.

Uniform Accessories (amount varies and is due by September 18, 2015): Certain uniform accessory items are required to be purchased separately by the students as needed. While certain concert uniform components are provided (jacket/vest, bow tie and cummerbund), students are responsible for purchasing and maintaining their shirt (including stud buttons), pants/skirt, and black dress shoes. All items except shoes are available in the Charms online store.

Trip Activity Fee (Actual cost and due date 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 Symphonic Band 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.

Musical Instrument Rental Fee (\$52 for percussionists, \$92 for wind and brass players – due October 1, 2015): This required fee is applicable to students who play school-owned instruments and covers maintenance costs of those school-owned instruments.

Individual Performance Opportunities (amount varies – due date TBD): There are opportunities throughout the school year for individual students to choose to audition 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. These fees are communicated at the time other information about these opportunities is available

Jazz Band

\$50 max.

one credit class

Jazz Band Activity Fee (\$100 –due date TBD): Jazz Band is an FCPS sponsored ~~optional~~ activity. This fee covers a portion of the costs of Jazz Band. Examples of such costs include instrument accessories, music, and food during instructional activities.

Uniform Accessories (amount varies- due date TBD): Students are responsible for purchasing and maintaining their Jazz Band shirt.

Winter (Indoor) Guard

Winter (Indoor) Guard Activity Fee (Amounts vary by group and are TBD– 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 instructional staff, uniforms, equipment and transportation of equipment to competitions.

Uniform Accessories (amount varies – due date TBD): Certain accessory items are required to be purchased separately by the students as needed. Orders for most items can be placed in the Charms online store. Examples of these items include warm up suits, color guard shoes, and color guard gloves.

Winter Guard Trip Activity Fee (Actual cost and due date TBD): This optional activity fee covers the cost of trips taken by the Winter Guard to competitions. 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

All payments are processed through Charms. Students and parents may login to their student account at any time to view fees and balances due. Payments may be made via credit card, cash, or check as described below.

- Credit Card payments are made through Charms. After making your payment, please log back into Charms to ensure that your payment appears within your student account.
- Payments made by check should be placed in the locked box within the band room. If paying by check, please make the check payable as instructed for the particular fee 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.

- Paying by cash is discouraged. If paying by cash, please put the money in an envelope and write the name of the student and the name of the fee being paid (i.e. Tom Smith, Spring trip fee) and take the envelope to the front office of the school and give it to the MHS staff responsible for collecting such cash payments. A receipt will be given to you acknowledging the cash payment. NO CASH PAYMENTS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED INTO THE LOCKBOX IN THE BAND ROOM.

Refunds

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

Financial Assistance

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 fee.

McLean High School

Course Selection

2014-2015



DANCE PERFORMANCE AND CHOREOGRAPHY (931927)
 (Formerly Dance 4)
 Grades: 12 Credit: two
Prerequisite: Dance 3 or successful audition.
 (Selected sites or transportation may be provided to Fairfax Academy or West Potomac Academy)

Dance 4 students are advanced level dancers who display a mastery of jazz, ballet and modern technique as well as performance excellence on stage and in the rehearsal studio. Students will deepen their understanding of choreographic techniques and have the opportunity to explore and develop their own voice in creating movement and critiquing the choreography of others. The course will focus on preparing the dancer for post-high school opportunities in the professional dance field including: professional company auditions, teaching and/or choreographing for a dance studio or theatre, and earning a degree in Dance Performance or Dance Education. For more information, visit the academy web site. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

FINE ARTS MUSIC

BEGINNING BAND (923215)
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: one
 Students develop skills as individual musicians and as members of a musical group. Guidance will be given by the instructor in the selection of an instrument. Course content includes beginning level technical and ensemble skills necessary for performance. Some performance opportunities are provided. Marching band techniques and performances may be included. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

INTERMEDIATE BAND (923315)
 Level 1
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: one
Prerequisite: Beginning Band or successful audition
 Students continue developing as individual musicians and as members of a musical group. Emphasis is placed on the development of intermediate level technical and ensemble skills necessary for performance. Marching band techniques and performances may be included. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

INTERMEDIATE BAND (923316)
 Level 2 (*Concert Band*)
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: one
Prerequisite: Beginning Band or successful audition
 Students continue developing as individual musicians and as members of a musical group. Emphasis is placed on the development of intermediate level technical and ensemble skills necessary for performance. Marching band techniques and performances may be included. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

ADVANCED BAND (923415)
 Level 1 (*Percussion*)
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: one
Prerequisite: Successful audition
 Students in this course form the representative performing band for the school. Emphasis is placed on the sequential development of advanced technical skills and on the study of related literature. Based on successful completion of sequential concepts for each level, students will continue as specified in course level. Marching band techniques, rehearsals, and performances are included in this course. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

ADVANCED BAND (923416)
 Level 2 (*Symphonic Band*)
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: one
Prerequisite: Successful audition
 Students in this course form the representative performing band for the school. Emphasis is placed on the sequential development of advanced technical skills and on the study of related literature. Based on successful completion of sequential concepts for each level, students will continue as specified in course level. Marching band techniques, rehearsals, and performances are included in this course. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

JAZZ ENSEMBLE (924015)
 Level 1
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: one
Prerequisite: Successful audition or permission of the instructor
Corequisite: Schools may require membership in an intermediate or advanced band class, and may require participation in marching band.
 The instrumental jazz ensemble curriculum emphasizes improvisation and styles of the jazz idiom. Content includes the study of blues scale patterns and harmonic progressions innate in jazz music. Content also includes the study of the appropriate jazz literature and rehearsal and performance techniques from the jazz idiom. Instrumentation of the jazz ensemble is at the discretion of the instructor. Marching band techniques and performances may be included. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA (923715)
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: one
 Students develop skills as individual musicians and as members of a musical group. Guidance will be given by the instructor in the selection of an instrument. Course content includes beginning level technical and ensemble skills necessary for performance. Some performance opportunities are provided. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA (923815)
 Level 1 (*Concert*)
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: one
Prerequisite: Attainment of beginning level skills and permission of instructor
 Students continue developing as individual musicians and as members of a musical group. Emphasis is placed on the development of intermediate level technical and ensemble skills necessary for performance. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA (923915)
 Level 1 (*Symphonic*)
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: one
Prerequisite: Successful audition
 Students in this course form the representative string performing group for the school. Emphasis is placed on the sequential development of advanced technical, ensemble, and disciplinary skills necessary for refined rehearsal and performance both in and out of school. Based on successful completion of sequential concepts for each level, students will continue as specified in course level. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

ADVANCED ORCHESTRA (923916)
 Level 2 (*Chamber Soloists*)
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 Credit: one
Prerequisite: Successful audition
 Students continue developing as individual musicians and as members of a musical group. Emphasis is placed on the development of intermediate level technical and ensemble skills necessary for performance. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course. **This course requires a student materials fee as listed in FCPS Notice 5922.**

School Music Program
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FCPS will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the **[Music Program]** except for musical instruments and course material fees which are permitted by Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) regulations. Schools cannot require a student to pay fees for course materials in excess of the amount approved by the School Board in Notice 5922, Revenue, Tuition, and Fees – Student Fees.

The following is a description of **[Music Program]** course material fees and FCPS-sponsored optional activity fees for participation in the music program for the upcoming season.

Fee Structure – Required Fees, Optional Fees

- **Required course material fees:** Course material 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. Participation in the particular activity is optional but if a student decides to participate in the activity, payment of the activity fee is required. Any fees collected that exceed actual cost of materials or activities must be refunded to the parent. ←

Fee Categories

[Music Program] Course Materials Fee \$ _____, not to exceed amount, due by ____/____/2015

This fee is similar to required fees paid for certain, other FCPS classes. It covers course materials related to the course. Examples of the materials eligible to be covered by this fee include: uniform purchases and maintenance, the drill book, music/choreography for the show, music t-shirt, instrument accessories, equipment repairs, and food during instructional activities. Included in this fee is _____% that will be allocated to a uniform replacement reserve fund **[Optional]**.

[Music Program] FCPS-Sponsored Optional Activity Fee (\$ _____, due by ____/____/2015 and maybe refundable after date)

This is an FCPS-sponsored optional activity fee that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in **[Music Program]**. The FCPS-sponsored optional activity fee is determined and assessed based on the estimated cost of the trip or activity. Examples of such costs include transportation, accommodation, registration, food and other miscellaneous expenses.

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[Music Program] Accessories (amount varies – due by ____/____/2015)

Certain uniform accessory items have to be purchased separately by the students as needed. Examples of these items include shoes, gloves, and replacement t-shirts, jackets, vest **(mention where these items can be purchased)**.

[Music Program] [Other Music Program Activities]

[Music Program Activity] Course materials Fee (\$_____ due by ____/____/2015)

This fee is similar to required fees paid for certain, other FCPS classes. It covers course materials related to the course. Examples of the materials eligible to be covered by this fee include uniform purchases and maintenance, music, and instrument accessories.

[Music Program] FCPS-Sponsored Optional Activity Fee (\$_____ due by ____/____/2015 and maybe refundable after date)

This is an FCPS-sponsored optional activity fee that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in the **[Music Program Activity]**. **[Music Program Activity] (Describe the Number, Detail and Cost of Trip and Give Examples of the Trip)**. While these optional trips are not a required component of any course, most students generally choose to participate. Trip or activity fees are determined and assessed based on the estimated costs of the trip (transportation, hotel, certain meals, etc.).

Musical Instrument Rental Fee (\$_____ and due by ____/____/2015)

This required fee is applicable to students who play school-owned instruments and covers maintenance costs of those school-owned instruments.

Individual Performance Events (\$_____ and ____/____/2015)

There are opportunities throughout the school year for individual students to choose to audition and/or participate in other music activities. Examples include the All-District or All-State Music 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 **[Name of Music Program]**, but **[Name of Music Program]** often assists in the collection of these fees from individuals who elect to participate and the submission of one group payment to the respective sponsoring organization. These fees are communicated at the time other information about these opportunities is communicated.

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Payment Policies

Payments may be made by cash or check as described below.

- Payments made by check should be placed in the lockbox within the music room. If paying by check, please make the check payable as instructed for the particular payment and write the name of the student and the name of the fee being paid in the memo line of the check.
- If paying by cash, please put the money in an envelope and write the name of the student and the name of the fee being paid (i.e. Tom Smith, spring trip fee). The payment should be given to the Fine Arts teacher or to the **[Name of School]** staff responsible for collecting such cash payments at the front office. A receipt will be provided to you acknowledging the cash payment.

***No cash should be deposited into the lockboxes in the music room.**

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

Financial assistance is available for those in need of such assistance. Requests for financial assistance should be made directly to the Fine Arts teacher prior to the due date for the related fee.