

FCPS will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the **Annandale High School Band 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 **Annandale High School Marching Band** 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

Marching Band Course Materials Fee is \$50.00, due by August 10, 2015 (first day of Marching Band)

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. No more than 30% of this fee will be allocated to a uniform replacement reserve fund.

Marching Band Away Instructional Retreat (a FCPS-Sponsored Optional Activity) Fee is \$275: \$75 deposit due by June 17, 2015 and non-refundable after July 15, 2015 and \$200 balance payment due by August 10, 2015

This is an FCPS-sponsored optional activity fee that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in **Marching Band**. 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.

SECTION 1: THE EDISON HS MARCHING EAGLES - AN OVERVIEW

The Edison HS Marching Eagles is a co-curricular program at Thomas A. Edison High School. Participation in the Marching Eagles will allow students to develop their musical knowledge and skills. Membership in the Marching Eagles is open to all who possess a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard as a member of the ensemble.

1A - GENERAL EXPECTATIONS OF MEMBERS

This is a general list of what a student must do to positively contribute to the ensemble. All members are starting members, so it is critical that all share the same expectations of dedication to the ensemble. *Please carefully consider the following and be sure you are committed to these expectations before you sign your contract.*

Mandatory Attendance! For ALL rehearsals and performances for the entirety of the event. Any conflicts must be resolved prior to band camp. Appointments, etc., should be scheduled on days when the marching band does not rehearse.

- Arrive at least 15 minutes before rehearsal or report time, prepared and with proper equipment
- Plan for pick-up no later than 30 minutes after rehearsal ends or when buses return.
- Arrange for transportation to/from rehearsal ~~ahead of time~~
- Participate in fundraisers, especially Tag Day on September 12
- Maintain your dot book and have it with you at all rehearsals
- Be respectful and supportive of one another
- Help with all aspects of preparing and cleaning up for marching band
- Respect your uniform, your director, your instructional staff, judges, event staff, drivers, parent chaperones and volunteers
- Follow instructions and the chain of command
- Act with integrity and positively represent yourself and your band at all times
- Have fun and enjoy making music and art together

1C: Communication - Stay in Communication with the Band

Despite our best efforts, sometimes the band has to deal with a late change (report time), or some other issue. Visit www.edisonband.org regularly for announcements and updates. Sign up to receive emails from the director and the Edison Band Parents Organization (EBPO), our booster group, regarding band activities (rehearsal reminders, fundraisers, etc.).

To sign up to receive band emails, go to www.edisonband.org and click on e-mail lists or contact the band director or EPBO president.

Edison

Mandatory Dates

August 17 – 21, 2015 7:30am – 5pm BAND CAMP

August 22 – 26, 2015 7:30am – 5pm BAND CAMP

2015 MARCHING SEASON—MANDATORY DATES

You are receiving this information with ample time to plan around these dates in late August through the first week of November. It is very important that **EVERYONE** is at every event. There is no one who can take your place or “fill in” for you. Please see the attendance policy for more information.

Thursday, September 3, 2015 5:30pm – 10pm – Edison vs Hayfield

Saturday, September 12, 2015 7:30am – 5pm – TAG DAY

Friday, September 18, 2015 3:00pm – 10pm – Edison vs Marshall

Friday, September 25, 2015 3:00pm – 10pm – Edison vs Thomas Jefferson

Saturday, September 26, 2015 – Oakton Classic

Saturday, October 10th, 2015 Stafford High School or Rock Ridge HS in Ashburn, VA

Friday, October 16, 2015 3:00pm – 10pm – Edison vs Tuscarora

Saturday, October 17th 2015 – Parade of Champions

Friday, October 23, 2015 3:00pm – 10pm – Edison vs Falls Church

(senior night/homecoming)

**Saturday, October 31, 2015 – VBODA Marching Assessment North & Capital

Or

**Saturday, November 7, 2015 – VBODA Marching Assessment North & Capital

TBD - Marching Band Banquet

Every Wednesday night from September 9th – October 28th – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
Rehearsal (MAIN FIELD)

June 15, 2015

Dear Band Members and Families,

Greetings! I hope that all of you have big plans for your summer. The Hayfield Band is preparing for a year of great expectations. This letter contains most of the information you will need for summer band activities, plus some important dates in August. Please read it carefully, and mark your calendars now.

Our Marching Band pre-band clinic will be **August 17-21** from 5pm until 8pm. Band Clinic will be **August 24-28** from 9am until 5pm. We will then go back to night rehearsals on **August 31-September 3** from 5pm until 8pm. **All** Marching Band students will be expected to attend all pre-band clinic and band clinic rehearsals. Parents are asked not to schedule appointments during these times. In addition to rehearsing the show we will also be sizing students for their uniforms, taking the official Marching Band picture, and sizing students and placing orders for marching shoes.

We will be holding a **"New Band Parent Coffee" on Wednesday, August 20th at 7:30pm**. This will be held during the marching band student band rehearsal time. Parents of band students who are new to high school band, or new to our program, are highly encouraged to attend. Veteran band parents will discuss the program's policies and schedules, and you will have an opportunity to have your questions answered. I highly encourage all new parents to attend.

The Fairfax County Public School system has a limited budget when it comes to instrumental music programs and the budget falls far short of our needs. We are therefore assessing a fee for our program which is required of all Marching Band students. The required marching band fee for 2015 is **\$140, and is due July 1, 2015. Please pay by check, or by credit/debit through the "Charms" account. Please go to the band website for information on "Charms".**

The fee of \$140 is due on or before July 1, 2015. Make checks to Hayfield Secondary School.

In addition to the band assessment, you will need to bring the **SIX ATTACHED FORMS BY AUGUST 17th, 2015**. Please have them completely filled out and have all signatures by a parent or guardian.

1. **Band Booster form. We need your help in supporting the band with your time and energy.**
2. **Uniform Contract**
3. **Field Trip Permission**
4. **Luggage Search Consent**
5. **Emergency Care Forms (all health insurance info please).**

Band Clinic students should wear cool, comfortable clothing, tennis shoes & socks. Please bring **sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat if desired**. We cannot be slowed by blisters and sunburn. Bring a bag lunch and/or money for a soft drink if desired. Have your instrument in perfect playing condition before the start of Band Clinic. This includes pads, reeds (plenty of them) valves, slides, corks, etc. Get problems fixed now to avoid problems later.

We will be performing at all home games and away game. Rehearsals will be on Fridays during the fall. For those in the top band, I am tentatively scheduling two competitions, which will be on Saturdays in the fall and a Halloween parade in a local community. Any other parades or civic events we consider worthwhile will be announced two weeks in advance. All performances will be service, educationally and philosophically based. **Please be flexible.**

Finally, as you know, excellence does not come easily. To be a successful band takes work and determination. We have won and we have lost and winning is a **lot** more fun. The only way we can be recognized for our efforts, especially in an area as competitive as this one, is to out-work, out-push and out-want everyone else. I am every bit as excited about the potential of this band as you are. Let's make the 2015 Marching Band Season one of our best yet!!

Sincerely,

Patrick Burke

Director of Bands, Hayfield Secondary School, 703-922-0465, patrick.burke@fcps.edu

Hayfield Band Boosters

Supporting the 2015-2016 Hayfield Marching Hawks And Hayfield Concert Bands

Dear Parents and Friends,

The Hayfield Band Booster Organization is the parent support group for Hayfield's band program. To advance and encourage our band program, we need continued support from every band parent, as well as those who appreciate instrumental music. An annual membership in the band boosters is \$10 per person and \$20 per family. A patron is a person designated with a contribution of \$30 or more. Patron contributions give us the extra funds to meet unforeseen expenses and accelerate our purchases of uniforms, music and instruments. Patrons are gratefully acknowledged in each program.

The first major fundraiser for the high school band program is Tag Day. On September 13 and 20. Band students will canvass the Hayfield Secondary community asking for tax deductible monetary donations. When a uniformed Hayfield band student knocks on your door, please welcome them and make a generous donation.

The middle school band program will be selling specialty items in September. All bands will be taking fruit orders in late October, delivering fresh Florida fruit the first week of December.

To receive band information, updates, and reminders, please contact our band director, Mr. Patrick Burke at Patrick.Burke@fcps.edu, and he will gladly add you to the e-mail group. All Information about the band program can be found at www.hayfieldbands.com

*Thank you for your support.
Sincerely,
The Hayfield Band Boosters*

I wish to make a tax deductible donation to the Hayfield Band Boosters.

Please direct my contribution to the Middle School Bands _____

Please direct my contribution to the High School Bands _____

Membership \$ _____ Patron \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Mail to:

*Hayfield Band Booster
Hayfield Secondary School
7630 Telegraph Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22315*



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2015-2016 Herndon Band and Ensemble Fees

FCPS and the Herndon High School Band Parent Association will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the Herndon Band program except for musical instrument and course material fees of which are permitted by the Virginia Department of Education regulations. Schools or Booster organizations cannot require a student to pay fees for course materials in excess of the amount approved by the FCPS School Board in Notice 5922.

FCPS Required Fees	Amount	Who pays this fee?	This pays for...
Concert Band Course Materials Fee Due September 30, 2015	\$20	EVERYONE	This fee covers <u>consumable</u> items/expenses for the bands/ensembles throughout the school year. Some examples of these items include uniform, uniform accessories/maintenance, instrument accessories/services, music, etc.
Marching Band Fee \$100 deposit due 6/16/15 Remaining balance due 8/15/15	\$245	Marching Band members only	This fee covers <u>consumable</u> items/expenses for the marching band season. Examples of these items include band t-shirt, drill book, uniform, uniform accessories/maintenance, music/copyright, etc. Remaining collected fees will be allocated to a uniform replacement fund.

Fees for FCPS Sponsored Optional Activities

This is a fee that students are required to pay if they choose to participate in any activities/trips associated with the Herndon Band. This fee is determined and assessed based on the estimated cost of the trip/activity – including such costs as transportation, accommodation, registration, food, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Examples of trips/activities would include Marching Band Camp, Indoor groups (e.g. Winter Drumline and Guard), Spring Trip and concert assessments not already fully funded by FCPS.

Students who do not pay the fees associated with a trip/activity will be ineligible to perform/participate in the trip/activity.

Activity	Amount	Due Date
Marching Band Camp (August)	\$55	7/15/15
District Auditions (Mandatory for Wind Ensemble members; recommended for all others)	\$6.25	You may pay this with your marching or concert fees.
Spring Trip (April)	To Be Determined (~\$550-700)	Initial deposit will be in Oct/Nov with subsequent payments to follow
Indoor Drumline (Dec – April)	To Be Determined (~\$200-400)	Beginning of December
Indoor Guard (Dec – April)	To Be Determined (~\$200-300)	Beginning of December
Solo & Ensemble	To Be Determined (~\$13-18)	March

5/22/15

Tag Day – TagDay@HerndonBand.org

Tag Day is one of the biggest fundraising events for the Pride of Herndon Band! HHS marching band and guard students, dressed in their band or guard uniforms, walk door-to-door in their neighborhoods handing out flyers with information about the band and tags with the concert schedule

for the band (hence the name – Tag Day) while asking

for contributions. If no one is home, the students leave a mail-in envelope. Students can also send contribution requests to relatives and friends.

**Tag Day
2015**

Our Herndon High community is divided into twelve areas. Students are given a specific route to complete within their area. Students meet at their area's host house in the morning, carrying their uniforms with them. They are given breakfast (provided by area parents), put together their paperwork, go over instructions, divide into groups and are assigned their routes. The students then change into their uniforms, and begin their routes. Parent volunteers in each area drive students to and from their routes. Students report back to the area host house at lunch, and go back out after lunch if their route is not completed. Each student will hear from their Area Chair before the big event to go over final details and to answer questions.

- **Who:** *All HHS Marching Band and Guard Students*
- **Date:** *Saturday, September 12, 2015*
- **Time:** Between 7:30am and 4:00pm
- **Where:** Meet at your area host's house at 7:30am **SHARP**
- **Meals:** Breakfast and Lunch are provided (at the hosts' houses)
- **Things to bring:**
 - Water bottle, if weather is warm
 - Pen
 - Comfortable walking shoes (you do not have to wear your marching shoes)
 - Your uniform in the garment bag
 - Enthusiasm and smiles for the people you will meet!