



## Marching Band Fee Schedule & Commitment 2010-2011

Prior to the beginning of each season, band fees are established to cover the expenses that are expected during the season minus the amount that the booster club expects to raise through fund raising activities. These fees typically include, but are not limited to, expenses such as contest entry fees, transportation, lodging, and meal costs associated with the contests as well as costs associated with uniform cleaning/maintenance, music and drill preparation and clinician costs. Based on the budget approved by the Band Booster Club for the 2010-11 school year, the total costs are expected to be approximately \$430 per student. However, based on the current estimates for fund raising activities the band fee has been set at \$350. It should be noted that this total is higher than we would have hoped for but two changes in district/school policies caused this and may still result in another small additional increase. School buses for local contests had historically been provided by the district but must now be paid from band fees. District policies associated with lunch sales have also changed significantly and the impacts still have not been totally worked out.

Prior to being allowed to participate in band, each student and a legal guardian must sign the bottom of the fee schedule and commitment form committing to pay the fees and return the form to the booster club treasurer. The student cannot be given a spot or "dot" in a performance prior to returning a signed form.

Students choosing to be in the band are expected to pay all fees on time. It is important that the fees be paid on time, because many expenses are either prepaid or committed to well in advance. Parents of any student with financial difficulty must contact a Band Director or Treasurer in advance of any due date to arrange an alternative payment plan. Failure to make payment prior to an original (or alternate) due date, can result in:

1. The student losing his position or "dot" in the performance;
2. The student not being allowed to participate in any travel; and
3. The student being placed on the "not clear" list. This may prevent the student from receiving a report card or from graduating until the fee is paid.

A change in the student's status will not eliminate the requirement that the student pay any outstanding fee balance and will not allow a student to receive a refund. A change in status can include a student dropping out of a band class, a student electing not to march, or a student becoming ineligible to participate as a result of poor grades. Expenses such as entry fees, bus leases, etc. do not change just because one student is no longer going, and it is unfair to the other students to require them to make unplanned additional payments at a later time.

It should also be noted that there are additional costs for mandatory and optional equipment items that will be addressed separately. These vary significantly by student depending on what year they are in, which optional items they desire and how they care for their personal equipment.

Finally, band students and their parents must be aware that the uniforms worn for performances are the property of the school and must be properly cared for. In addition to a nominal cleaning fee that is set by the school district, the student is financially responsible for and costs to repair or replace uniform parts resultant from neglect or abuse.

**Mike Ary**  
Band Director

**Tim Dickenson**  
CBBBC President

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## Student and Parent Commitment

I understand all the conditions required for participating in band and the consequences for failing to pay. I agree to pay all the applicable fees defined above to participate (or allow my student to participate) in the upcoming band season in accordance with the payment schedule below or an alternate plan agreed to in writing with the Band Director and CBBBC Treasurer. I also agree to pay any costs required to repair or replace any uniform items lost or damaged as a result of neglect or abuse.

**Checks returned for insufficient funds are subject to a \$25 check fee.**

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Student Signature / Printed Name of Student / Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature / Printed Name of Parent or Guardian / Date

### Payment schedule

1 <sup>st</sup> Payment	\$175 (\$180 PayPal)	Due by 8/6/10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	\$175 (\$180 PayPal)	Due by 9/10/10

Payments can be made by

1. dropping payment (no cash please) in an envelope into the booster club mailbox located in the band hall; or
2. paying via the PayPal link on the CBBBC website (with 3% service fee); or
3. directly to booster club treasurer Carlos Noriega; or
4. mailing payment to: Carlos Noriega, CBBBC Treasurer  
13710 Shadow Falls Ct  
Houston, TX 77059

Checks or money orders should be made payable to CBBBC (Clear Brook Band Booster Club).