

2024-2025 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 Invoiced in Fall	\$35	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 Invoiced in Fall	\$300	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, 10% uniform replacement fee, 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. Indoor 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)	\$0	The Booster Organization will be covering this expense for the 24-25 school year.
District Auditions (Mandatory for Wind Ensemble members; recommended for all others)	To Be Determined (~\$10)	Fall
Spring Trip	~\$500, based on fundraising	Payments throughout the year
Indoor Guard (Dec – April)	To Be Determined (~\$250)	December
Indoor Drumline (Dec-April)	To Be Determined (~\$250)	December
Solo & Ensemble	To Be Determined (~\$10)	March

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

Instrument Rental Fee	Amount	Due Date
Marching Wind Instrument	\$55 (summer semester)	6/6/24
Marching Percussion (Battery & Pit)	\$30 (summer semester)	6/6/24
Concert Wind Instrument	\$110 (fall/spring semesters)	Invoiced in the Fall
Concert Percussion	\$60 (fall/spring semesters)	Invoiced in the Fall
Free/Reduced Lunch Reduced Cost	\$20 (one time per year – not semester)	Invoiced in the Fall

Marching Band Accessories: Certain uniform accessory items have to be purchased separately by the students as needed. Examples of these items include **marching shoes (about \$48)**, shorts, black socks, etc.

Concert Uniform Accessories: Certain uniform accessory items have to be purchased separately by the students as needed. While certain concert uniform components are included (jacket, pants, bow tie and cummerbund, dress), students are responsible for and maintaining their shirt (including stud buttons), socks/hose and black dress shoes. Ladies’ pearls are issued once – new sets must be purchased if these are broken or lost.

Individual Performance Events: 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. The Herndon Band does not establish such fees, but the Herndon HS Band Parents Association (HHSBPA) 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.

Payment Policies

Credit Card

- Payments to Herndon High School can be made through MySchoolBucks. After making your payment, please log back into MySchoolBucks to confirm that your payment appears within your student’s account.

Check

- Check payments can be made out to **Herndon High School** or **HHSBPA as needed**. Please include the student’s name and fee being paid in the memo line of the check.
- Payments made by check should be placed in the lockbox on the band room door.
- NO FORMS should go in the lockbox.

Cash

- For both HHS and HHSBPA, please put the money in a sealed envelope and write the first and last name of the student and the name of the fee being paid (ex. Jane Doe, Marching Band fee) and take the envelope to the front office of the school. The Herndon High School staff responsible for collecting such cash payments will give you a receipt to acknowledge the cash payment.

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 fee.