Band Patrons Contribution and Summary of Fees

Patrons Contribution

The WTW Band Patrons are the booster organization that supports the band logistically and financially. We are requesting that all families make a $100 donation per student to the Band Patrons. While this is not a requirement, but will greatly enhance the quality of experience for your student. FCPS Course Fee money cannot be used for the purchase of instruments or for paying clinicians. The DC Metro area has a wealth of world-class musicians – the highest concentration of professional band musicians in the world because of the DC Military Bands. Engaging these musicians to work in small groups with our students is an invaluable resource.

A donation of $100 per family creates a pool of money that can be earmarked for expenditure on the valuable and essential resources that FCPS Course Fee money cannot be used for. **For those families who are able, donations of any amount are encouraged.** The Band Patrons are a 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Finance Summary

FCPS regulations require that fees be divided for their specific purpose within the Band Program. To help with any confusion as to what a student should be paying, below are some example scenarios for reference. Please refer to the official FCPS Fee Document for information regarding the fees.

Examples Scenarios – Separate Check for Each

DO NOT COMBINE FEES INTO ONE CHECK!

Student is in Marching Band, is not a percussionist, and does not need to rent an instrument from WTW. -**$125** MB Fee (check to Woodson HS) -**$100** Pre-Season Fee (check to Woodson HS) -**$100** Patrons Contribution (check to WTW Band Patrons) -**$25** Concert Band Course Fee (check to Woodson HS)	**Student is in Marching Band and is a percussionist.** -**$125** MB Fee (check to Woodson HS) -**$100** Pre-Season Fee (check to Woodson HS) -**$60** Percussion Equipment Fee (check to Woodson HS) -**$100** Patrons Contribution (check to WTW Band Patrons) -**$25** Concert Band Course Fee (check to Woodson HS)	**Student is in Marching Band and needs to rent a school instrument.** -**$125** MB Fee (check to Woodson HS) -**$100** Pre-Season Fee (check to Woodson HS) -**$92** Instrument Rental Fee (check to Woodson HS) -**$100** Patrons Contribution (check to WTW Band Patrons) -**$25** Concert Band Course Fee (check to Woodson HS)
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Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Band Director if financial assistance is needed. Particularly, if your child is on the FCPS Free/Reduced Lunch program, notifying the Band Director of this status allows for pursuit of county funds to cover the fees. All requests for assistance of any type will be kept confidential.