

WHAT IS FAIRSHARE?

“Fair Share” simply means each student will be responsible for paying their fair share to help defray the expense of participating in the required trips, performances, and competitions. Fair Share is \$500 this year for the each child. We have included the breakdown of what that \$500 pays for.

Fundraising for the general Band Boosters is a very important as well. There are always unexpected costs during the year and the general Band Boosters must make up the difference between the Fair Share amount received and the actual expenses. In addition, the Boosters have goals to maintain the facilities of the Band and purchase new items for the band.(see Our Mission & Our Goals) If the general band account does not have enough money for the required expenses, the Fair Share costs will have to go up to cover the actual costs which puts more burden on the families.

WHAT IS THE BAND ACCOUNT FOR MY CHILD?

All money is managed by the DCHS Band Boosters which is an IRS recognized non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. We conduct all business and fundraisers under those regulations. We choose to offer some of the proceeds to our band students in return for their fundraising efforts. We keep an accounting of the money that each student owes and what money they have paid. The accounts are setup as a family account. If you have two band students, they are on the same account. If you have one student graduate and another student starting band the next year, we roll that account to your next student with the balance in tact.

If you have money left in your account when your student graduates or if your child decides to quit band, that money will not be refunded. The money was raised and managed under the DCHS Band Boosters organization name, therefore the money belongs to that organization. Also, we are not allowed under the IRS non-profit organization rules to give money to individuals.

The contracted band parent can tell us when and how they want to use the money that is contained in their account. However, this is not a credit card...the money must already be in your account before it can be applied to an expense. The money can be used for any band related expenses including fairshare, merchandise, bus expenses, family trip payments, banquet & ball expenses, and even fundraiser items. A note must be sent for each item that the parent wants to use the accumulated money for.