

# DeLand High School Band Program

## 2024-25 Financial Information

### **Instrumentalist Edition**

The DeLand High School Band is an extremely active, full-year co-curricular activity that depends on many resources to provide the finances necessary to provide students with a high quality and enjoyable music education experience. Students are assessed in specific areas described below to cover expenses that are incurred throughout the school year. This only covers a portion of our actual expenses, but our goal is to keep these fees as low as possible. Although we ask that everyone contribute their fair share of these expenses as listed below, no student should ever feel discouraged from participating in band for monetary reasons.

#### **Fair Share Assessment - \$375 per year**

This assessment helps cover the cost of instruction by our expert staff members/clinicians, transportation, competition/FBA fees, music, show design, show shirt, spirit shirt, band ball cap, practice shirts, uniform cleaning/replacement, socks, gloves, and much more. This is paid annually by all band members. This amount has not been raised in over 6 years.

#### **Marching Band Shoe Assessment - \$40**

This amount is required by all new members as well as any other students who needs new shoes. The shoes are the same from year to year, so this is usually a one-time expense.

#### **Instrument/Equipment – Rental/Maintenance Assessment - \$50 per semester**

Students are assessed \$50 per semester for the use of school-owned instruments and equipment to help cover the costs of maintenance and cleaning. This includes all school-owned instruments and percussion equipment. The fee is \$50 per semester, regardless of how many instruments are issued to that student.

#### **Jazz Band Class Fee - \$50 per year**

This fee covers the additional expenses incurred by being a member of one of our jazz bands. The fee covers the Jazz Band polo shirt which is part of the Jazz Band concert uniform. It also helps cover new music, All-County Jazz audition fees, transportation, entry fees, and other expenses related to MPA/festivals as well as expenses involved with bringing in clinicians.

#### **Additional Expenses (to be paid as needed throughout the year)**

- Extra Gloves or Socks - \$3 each
- Extra Show Shirt or Extra Spirit Shirt - \$15
- Extra Band Ball Cap - \$15
- Extra Practice Shirt - \$6
- Black compression shorts - required to be worn under the uniform, purchase on your own
- Khaki shorts – required, purchase on your own for casual uniform, must be in dress code
- Insulated Water Jug (at least half-gallon) – required for practice, purchase on your own
- Athletic Shoes – required for practice, purchase on your own

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#### **Payments**

Assessments can be paid in full at the beginning of the year or in payments. All assessments must be paid off by March 15, 2025 to avoid being sent to the school obligations list. Further information regarding payment options can be found on the “Financial Responsibility Form.”

#### **Discounts**

*Early Pay Incentive* - If assessments are paid IN FULL (all assessments for the entire year) by the end of August, you will receive a \$50 discount.

*Sibling discounts* (\$50 per sibling) are available for those with more than one child in the band.

\*Families may only choose one type of discount to receive.

#### **How to Pay Your Assessments**

Our preferred method of payment is electronic payment via Zelle to [delandbpa@gmail.com](mailto:delandbpa@gmail.com). This is the safest and easiest way to make a payment. Please include your student’s name in the memo line.

Payments may also be sent to school with students & placed in the white band lockbox located by the band office. If sending payments to school, please place the payment in an envelope with your student’s name on it and specify what type of payment is being submitted. Checks should be made payable to “DeLand BPA.”

For more questions about how to make payments, please email [delandbandfees@gmail.com](mailto:delandbandfees@gmail.com).

#### **Fundraising**

Throughout the year the DeLand High School Band will participate in several fundraisers. While some of these are designed to benefit the entire program as a whole, many fundraisers are designed to help students earn money to help pay for individual assessments, trips, and other expenses associated with participation in the band. If they work hard, it is possible for students to earn enough to cover assessments through participating in these fundraisers.

These assessments are a requirement for every student and failure to pay will result in a school obligation. With that, it is extremely important that no student be excluded from band due to financial difficulties. It is always our goal to keep the cost of assessments to a minimum while still making sure that we are meeting the financial needs of our band program. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or if there is a hardship for a student who might need additional time/assistance in paying. No student will be denied participation in the band due to financial reasons. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.