

DeLand High School Band Program

2023-24 Financial Information

Colorguard 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 in high school. Students are assessed financial obligations in specific areas described below to cover expenses that are incurred throughout the school year. These assessments only cover 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

This assessment helps cover the cost of instruction by our expert staff members/clinicians, transportation, competition/FBA fees, music, show design, show shirt, practice tanks, costumes, and much more. This is paid annually by all band members (instrumentalists and guard). This amount has not been raised in over 5 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.

Winterguard Assessment - \$350

This assessment is paid by all members of the colorguard to cover expenses related to Winterguard including show design, choreography, props, equipment, floor, competitive circuit fees, entry into all competitions, costumes, tights, accessories, instructional staff, show shirt, and much more.

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

- Guard Jacket - \$60 (estimated cost)
- Extra Show or Spirit Shirt - \$15
- Extra Practice Tank - \$6
- Black Nikes sneakers with white check – required, purchase on your own
- Dance tights and other undergarments – required, purchase on your own (will be specified)
- Make-up and hair accessories – required, purchase on your own (will be specified)
- Black Leggings – 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
- Winterguard Fees – required for Spring semester, amount varies depending on show budget and number of members (info will be released in November). Usually around \$350.

Payments

Assessments can be paid in full at the beginning of the year or in payments. All assessments must be paid off by April 1, 2024 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 families with more than one child in the band.

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

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How to Pay Your Assessments

Our preferred method of payment is electronic payment via Zelle to 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.

Charms!

The Charms Music Office Assistant is our system for keeping financial records and student/parent information for the DeLand High School Band. Fundraisers, trips, assessments, payments, and contact information are all organized through Charms. You can access your account balance, update your contact information, view your assigned inventory, and much more anytime you want through the Charms system. If you do not know your student ID number, please e-mail delandband@gmail.com and it will be sent to you ASAP. When you log on for the first time, you will assign yourself a password that only you know so you can be assured that your information is secure.

Logging on to Charms is simple. Just follow these steps:

1. Type www.charmsoffice.com into your web browser.
2. Hover over "ENTER" at the top right of the screen.
3. Click on "Parents/Students/Members"
4. Enter our school code: "delandband"
5. Enter your password. The first time you log in to Charms your password is your Alpha ID number. You may choose to change it once you log in for the first time.

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 are many fundraisers 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 our assessments at an absolute 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.