



FRANKLIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL BLUE REGIMENT Marching Band and Color Guard

2023 Financial Policy

The experiences and opportunities for the members of the Franklin Community High School BLUE REGIMENT Marching Band are dependent on numerous sources of funding. The largest source of this funding is from member fees. Without member fees, and our other sources of funding, the program can't function properly. Expenses must be paid on time. To ensure the ability of the program to operate a financial policy has been developed.

PAYMENTS / HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

Member fee payments can be made at any time and in any amount. Payments can be made by check and mailed to the Band Booster post office box or turned in directly to a director at the high school. Checks should be made payable to the *FCS Band Boosters*. Payment can also be paid online. To make a payment online visit the band website at www.franklinbands.info/online-payments.

The 2023 Marching Band/Color Guard member fee is \$750. This does **not** include the corporation transportation fee (**\$30**). The timeline for payments are as follows:

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| 1 st payment – June 2 (\$190) | 4 th payment – September 15 (\$180) |
| 2 nd payment – July 14 (\$190) | 5 th payment – October 16 (\$30) |
| 3 rd payment – August 18 (\$190) | |

This year the 2023 fall season will be approximately 21 weeks in length. If you divide the member fee/transportation fee (\$780) by the length of fall season (21 weeks) it costs approximately \$37 per week to participate.

PAST DUE MEMBER FEES

In order to participate in the 2023 marching band/color guard fall season, students must owe less than \$300 to participate. Arrangements must be made with the treasurer regarding a plan to pay off the past due the amount. Accounts with less amounts outstanding should also contact the treasurer to make arrangements.

FUNDRAISERS/MEMBER FEE ASSISTANCE

The band boosters work to provide opportunities to assist families in paying member fees. Any profits from fundraisers are credited to each member's financial account, which then can be used to pay member fees for the current season. Families that request funding assistance (scholarships) will have additional requirements, in order to secure the assistance. Additional information will be available for those families who receive assistance.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Accounts that are delinquent could potentially affect a student's ability to participate. If a family experiences a hardship, the parent/guardian should communicate this with the band booster treasurer and directors immediately. Member fees must be paid in full no later than **30 days** after the last payment date.

INDEPENDENT ENSEMBLES

Students who may want to participate with an independent group – drum corps (DCI), winter guard/indoor percussion (WGI), etc. – will need to be current on their account. These independent groups work closely with music directors to support the missions of public school, music programs. Students with past due fees are ineligible to participate in an independent group without being released by the Instrumental Music Department.

LETTER JACKETS/GRADUATION CORDS

Students with delinquent accounts will not be permitted to order a letter jacket until account is brought current. Also, graduating seniors with a balance due to either the Instrumental Music Department or Choral Department will not be able to purchase their graduation cords until their past due balance is paid in full.

OTHER INFORMATION

Due to design, planning, and budgeting **ALL** fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE** after **June 2, 2023**. After **June 3, 2023**, families will be responsible for the **ENTIRE** member fee if the student quits or is removed from the program for disciplinary reasons.

If the 2023 fall season is canceled due for any reason, the directors and band booster executive committee will determine any possible refund of member fees, based on the timing during the season.

If you would have any questions please feel free to contact us. Thank you.

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