

**This FAQ includes information about Band and Guard (the Program) and does not replace the BCHS Handbook.**

**Where should I go to get updates/information about the Program?**

Band Website [BCHS.band](http://BCHS.band)

This is where you'll find an introduction to Mr. Burrola, an overview of the Band and Guard Program, all forms that need to be completed and other important documents, the Program Calendar, the Program Shop to purchase gear, the BCHS Band Handbook, email addresses for the Boosters and updates and info on upcoming events

Band App

It is important that you sign-up for access to the Band App. Mr. B and the Booster Board will periodically push information through the App. For example, if rehearsal is ending early/late this is the best way to let parents know.

Band App for Parents:



Band App for Students:



Weekly and periodic emails from My Music Office - scan code to sign-up



[BCHS Band Handbook](#)

**How much does it cost for my child to be in the Program?**

The short answer is it depends on a lot of factors. These include: how many students do you have in the Program, is this your student's first year in the Program or are they returning, how much has your student participated in fundraising, etc. The below is an estimated summary of expenses you should expect. As with anything, this may change. Additional information can be found in the [BCHS Band Handbook](#)

- FairShare - 2023/2024 fee is \$600
  - Annual fee that pays for program related costs not covered by district funding. This amount changes every year.
  - If you have more than one student in the program, you will pay \$600 for the first student and \$300 for each additional student
  - FairShare can be paid in one payment or installments. You must pay through the Boulder Creek Bookstore\* or online
    - Fair Share Fee Schedule
      - August 4th - \$200 due
      - September 8th - \$200 due
      - October 6th - \$200 due

Please talk to Mr. Burrola if you have any questions or concerns

- Payments can be made at the bookstore at BCHS or online. A copy of all receipts MUST be submitted to Mr. Burrola either via email to [receipts@bchs.band](mailto:receipts@bchs.band) or hardcopy in the 'Receipts' mailbox in the band room. The fair share payment will not be attributed to your account without a receipt submission.
- To pay online, visit <https://az-deervalley.intouchrecepting.com/>

Steps:

1. Login using your student's ID number (about halfway down the page)

2. On the next page, select the student you are paying for
3. Under SHOP, choose 'Items at your school'
4. From the Categories group, select BAND (used for both band and guard payments)
5. From this page, you can enter the amounts you are paying using the last two options on the page, either BAND Club Fair Share or BAND Club Fair Share Tax Credit. You can contribute \$200/single taxpayer or \$400/married taxpayers per calendar year for the tax credit program. The remaining funds should be paid as a Band Club fair share payment.
6. Send via email to [receipts@bchs.band](mailto:receipts@bchs.band) or submit to the band room a copy of your receipt. This is very important!!

\*Note - Freshman and students that have not previously attended BCHS cannot pay at the Bookstore until school begins (July 31, 2023)

- Questions about FairShare should be directed to Mr. B
- Band Camp Fee - 2023/2024 fee is \$300
  - This year's camp is being held in Prescott, AZ.
  - The cost for each student participating in the program is \$300 (no multi-student adjustment)
  - Freshman and students that have not previously attended BCHS must pay online or by providing Mr. B with a check\* payable to 'Boulder Creek High School'. All other students may pay through the Boulder Creek Bookstore, online or by providing Mr. B a check.
  - \*Note - If Freshman and new students are paying by check, the payment must be made before camp starts, however you will not see the check clear until after school begins
- Bowling Night \$20 (optional)
  - This is a fun opportunity for the students to get to know each other outside of camp, especially our freshman and first time marchers! \$20 will be collected at the event
- Marching Shoes \$55
  - First time marchers will need to purchase marching shoes. We will size your student and submit the order for shoes during Prescott Band Camp, you will then be responsible for payment when you pick up the shoes.
  - The number of times you must purchase shoes over your student's band career is dependent on how much your student's feet grow and how much wear and tear the shoes have year over year.
- Show Shirt \$15 (for additional shirts)
  - Your student will receive 1 show shirt. We will size your student and submit the order for shirts during Prescott Band Camp.

- It is highly recommended that you order an extra shirt as they will be worn frequently throughout the year. Instructions will be provided to your student during in-town band camp
- It's always great to be wearing a show shirt and have someone introduce themselves because their student is in the Program too!
- Water Jug \$25 (for replacements)
  - Freshman and first time marchers are provided a water jug during in-town camp. These will be used each year. We highly recommend you replace the water jug if it's damaged or lost. Although a Camel Pack or other water bottle can be used during rehearsals, your student will need their water jug at all competitions, football games and other events.
 

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  - A camel pack is a great alternative to using a water jug during rehearsals
- Gloves \$5 per pair
  - Most instruments require gloves to be purchased. If your student's instrument requires gloves, we recommend freshman and first marchers purchase 2 pairs.
  - The number of times you must purchase gloves over your student's band career is dependent on wear and tear and if your student loses the gloves.
- Black shorts and white or red shirts
  - Your student must wear black shorts (mid-thigh and no spandex), a white (band) or red (guard) t-shirt (no mid-drifts or tank tops and no writing on the shirt) and black knee high/mid calf black socks during rehearsal outside of school hours. Rehearsal is Tuesday, Thursday and the occasional Saturday.
  - Your student will get dirty and sweaty, it is recommended that you have multiple t-shirts (4), two pairs of shorts and multiple pairs of black socks.
- Concert Attire
  - Your student will be required to wear concert attire during concerts and assessments. Either (1) black slacks, black long-sleeved button shirt, black dress shoes, solid red tie OR (2) black floor length dresses only, with shoulders covered and black dress shoes.
  - Cousinsconcertattire.com and Amazon are great places to find concert attire.
- Guard Bags ~\$30
  - One Guard Bag is mandatory for each Guard student, returning and new

- Certain instruments and equipment as well as Method Books, etc. are the student's responsibility (see [Band Handbook](#)).

### **Will there be fundraising opportunities?**

- Yes, the Program will not be successful without fundraising. The Band Boosters coordinate multiple opportunities for students to participate in fundraising. Planned events include: Carwashes, football game raffle, fall/winter raffle, restaurant nights, clothing donations, Program Shop sales and more.
- Some events will contribute directly to your student's expenses (e.g. carwash ticket sales) and some events contribute to the overall Program (e.g. football game raffles). The Band Boosters primary goal is to raise funds that can be used to support and improve the Program.
  - Corporate and business sponsors are always needed. This is a win-win opportunity where businesses get promotion and advertising to large audiences via band websites, newsletters, performance programs and signage at all football games.
  - Band families are encouraged to utilize the services of our sponsors as a way of thanking them for their support of the program.
  - Restaurant night fundraisers are another way to support local businesses in our community who have pledged to give back a percentage of sales to the BCHS Band program.
- Fundraising opportunities will be included in the weekly MyMusic Office emails, on the Band Website and in the Calendar. Some fundraising events are mandatory participation to ensure all students contribute.
- If you have experience with fundraising or great ideas on fundraising opportunities please contact [Joy Carlson](#). We are always looking for volunteers to join the fundraising committee.

### **What do Program families and students need to do before the school year begins?**

- Fill out forms - there are a number of forms for Marching Band, Guard and Band Camps that must be filled out and submitted. These were sent to you through My Music Office emails and can be found on [BCHS.band](#) website
- Purchase black shorts and white t-shirts
- Attend Chop Shop for percussion students
- Band camps
  - July 10 - 14, 5-9pm: In Town Camp for All Percussion, All Guard, Leadership and Freshman/First Year Marchers (wear black shorts and white shirt and bring water jug or camelback and your instrument. Freshman and first year marchers will receive a water jug)

- July 17 - 21, 5 - 9pm: In Town Camp for everyone (wear black shorts and white shirt, bring water jug or camelback and band instrument)
  - July 24 - 28: Out of Town Camp in Prescott for everyone (see Handbook)
  - Band Camp payment is due by July 21
- Bowling Night (Optional)
  - Send Mr. B any scheduling conflicts you are aware of (if your child is participating in a sport or other activity that conflicts with scheduled program events)
  - Look at the [band calendar](#) and reserve time on your personal schedules
  - Check-out instrument (if necessary) and prepare your instrument for camp and the school year

**How can parents get involved?**

- Attend the monthly Booster Meetings.
- Attend concerts, football games and competitions - these are all open to the public. Entrance fees may apply
- Volunteer! - we are always looking for volunteers and it's a great way to be involved and meet some great people. A Sign-up Genius is sent through My Music Office, or reach out to a [Band Booster](#)
- Donate and Corporate Fundraising
  - We have a number of opportunities for businesses to donate to the Program, if you know of a business that would be interested contact [Joy Carlson](#)