



FINANCIAL FAQ

PBBA and Parkview Bands rely on the integrity of each family to commit to the best of their ability, in the areas of both talent and treasure. We hope that this Financial FAQ will help our band families with planning and budgeting. We look forward to working with you in the coming year!

WHY DO WE PAY BAND FEES? DOESN'T THE COUNTY/SCHOOL BUDGET FOR THIS?

We are proud of the strong tradition Parkview enjoys of having one of the best band programs in Gwinnett County, and it is our goal to continue this tradition now and well into the future. Last year, our total budget was \$125,000. Of this amount, GCPS and Parkview High School supply approximately 3% (about \$3,000) of our overall budget. Therefore, PBBA and the Parkview Bands rely on the integrity of each family to commit to the best of their ability, in the areas of both talent and treasure.

HOW MUCH ARE BAND FEES?

Color Guard: \$750 (\$375 minimum deposit required at registration)

Marching Band:

New Members: Male \$585, Female \$685 (Includes required shoes and gloves; for ladies, includes cost of concert dress \$100)

Returning Members: \$550 (Returning students requiring new shoes and gloves, add \$35)

Concert Only Members (no marching band): \$50

Ladies, add \$100 for custom concert dress required for performances.

Gentlemen will need to purchase or rent a tuxedo for performances, as we do not provide tuxedos or their related accessories. Information on where to buy or rent tuxes will be made available separately at a later date.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN BAND FEES?

Band fees:

- Sheet music
- Individualized instruction by instrument
- Instrument repair and maintenance
- Entrance fees and transportation costs to festivals and evaluations
- Facility rental for concerts as needed
- Sound equipment
- Office expenses
- Capital improvements and maintenance
- End of year memory book and awards

Marching Band fees:

In addition to offsetting band fees, additional expenses associated with preparation and performance of competition show and half-time show

- Band camp expenses
- Drill & visual design
- Additional sheet music and instruction
- Props and set design for competition show
- Transportation expenses to games and competitions
- Uniform cleaning, repair and replacement
- Food and first aid

Color Guard fees: uniform expenses, flags and other props, warm up uniform, shoes, gear bag, instruction and camp. For further details, please contact the color guard sponsor, Janice West.



HOW AND WHEN DO I PAY MY FEES?

Colorguard: A \$375 minimum deposit is required at registration for all guard members. Guard members may elect to pay the balance in full at registration. Due to the nature and schedule of color guard expenses, *all color guard fees must be paid in full by August 1st.*

New marching band students are required to pay a \$50 deposit at registration to be enrolled. All marching members may choose to pay the full amount or select from one of our fee schedules. Monthly fee payments are due on the 1st of each month.

Concert-Only member fees must be paid by September 1st.

DESCRIPTION	NEW MARCH- ING STUDENT (Female/Male)	RETURNING MARCHING STUDENT	CONCERT ONLY (Male/Female)	COLOR GUARD
FULL PAYMENT – DUE JULY 1, JUNE 1 for COLORGUARD	\$685/\$585	\$550	\$50/\$150	\$750
HALF NOW/HALF LATER (COLOR GUARD) – DUE AUG. 1, 2018	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$375
4 PAYMENTS – TOTAL BALANCE DUE BY OCT. 1, 2018 MONTHLY PAYMENTS MADE JULY 1 – OCTOBER 1	\$159/\$134/mo.	\$138/mo. Final payment \$136	N/A	N/A
8 PAYMENTS – TOTAL BALANCE DUE BY FEB. 1, 2019	\$79/\$67/mo.	\$69/mo.	N/A	N/A
11 PAYMENTS – TOTAL BALANCE DUE BY APRIL 30, 2019	\$58/\$49/mo.	\$50/mo.	N/A	N/A

All fees are payable on CHARMS, our online communication and management program. Alternatively, checks may be made out to PBBA with the student's name in the memo section and either mailed to the P. O. address above or put in a sealed envelope with student name on the front and dropped in the orange box in the band room. Please note that payments not made on CHARMS may take a week or more to post on CHARMS, depending on the Treasurer's workload.

DO YOU OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS OR FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES?

PBBA recognizes that from time to time, challenges arise which make timely or full payment of band fees difficult. At the same time, we rely on the good faith of all families to contribute meaningfully to the best of their ability, both financially and with their time. Currently, PBBA does not offer scholarships as such. However, we do offer several fundraising opportunities throughout the year, as well as commitment plans to all our band families in the event that a family is unable to fulfill the published fee schedule. Fundraising credits may not be used for tangible personal expenses (meals, clothing, spirit wear, admission to optional events). Fundraising credits are applied first toward band fees. Once band fees are paid in full, any remaining balance may only be used for band trips or other non-tangible fees with your express written permission. Written requests for transfer of credits may be made to the Treasurer.

PBBA also offers two discounts to members:

Early payment discount (pay in full by July 1): \$10 (does not apply to Color Guard)

One-time multiple student discount (for families with more than one student in band program): \$15 per student

WHAT IF MY STUDENT WITHDRAWS FROM THE BAND PROGRAM?

Deposits are non-refundable. All further refunds are made at the sole discretion of the band director or color guard sponsor.