



## Financial FAQ 2021-2022

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. Our 2019 budget was over \$200,000. Of this amount, GCPS and Parkview High School supply approximately \$3,000—*less than 3% of our overall budget*. The fees charged help defray the costs associated with running a music program of this caliber and thus help offset the discrepancy between funding needs and what we receive from the school and county.

### How much are band fees?

#### Color Guard: \$750

\$150 non-refundable deposit due now, \$600 due in three installments July-Aug-Sept

Color guard auditions will take place during the first week of rehearsal this season. Should your child not make the Parkview Color guard this season, 100% of any money paid will be refunded.

#### Marching Competition Band: \$550/585/685 (\$50 non-refundable commitment deposit for all rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders. )

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)

#### Marching Stands-Only Band: \$300 (\$50 non-refundable commitment deposit for all rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders.)

#### Concert Only Members: \$50

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

Gentlemen will need to purchase or rent a tuxedo for performances. We do not provide tuxedos or their related accessories. Information on where to buy or rent tuxes will be made available 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 halftime show*

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



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**Color Guard Fees:** Uniform expenses, flags and other props, warm up uniform, shoes, gear bag, instruction and camp expenses. \$150 non-refundable deposit upon registration allows us to pre-purchase materials that take 1-2 months to arrive.

## How and when do I pay my fees?

**Colorguard:** \$150 minimum deposit required at registration. Guard members may elect to pay the balance in full at registration. \$600 remainder is due in three installments (\$200 per month: July/August/September)

**New marching band students:** \$50 deposit required at registration to enroll. Members may choose to pay the full amount or select from one of our fee schedules. Monthly fee payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

**Concert Only:** Member fees must be paid by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Payment Option	NEW Marching Student (Female/Male)	RETURNING Marching Student	Stands Only Members	Concert Only (Female/Male)	Color Guard
<b>FULL PAYMENT</b> Due BY July 1	\$685/\$585	\$550	\$250 After \$50 deposit	\$150/\$50	\$600 After \$150 deposit
<b>4 PAYMENTS</b> Total balance due BY Oct. 1, 2021. Monthly payments made July 1 – October 1	\$159/\$134/mo. After \$50 deposit	\$138/mo. Final payment \$136	\$62.50/mo. After \$50 deposit	N/A	\$200/mo. After \$150 deposit
<b>8 PAYMENTS</b> Total balance due BY Feb. 1, 2022	\$80/\$67/mo. After \$50 deposit	\$69/mo.	\$31.25/mo. After \$50 deposit	N/A	N/A
<b>11 PAYMENTS</b> Total balance due BY April 30, 2022	\$58/\$49/mo. After \$50 deposit	\$49/mo.	\$22.73/mo. After \$50 deposit	N/A	N/A

### Ways to Pay:

- On CHARMS, our online communication and management program.
- By check make out to PBBA with student's name in the memo section and put in the Orange Lock Box (located in the band room) in a sealed envelope with student's name on it OR mailed to the P. O. address above. 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?

While PBBA recognizes that challenges may arise which make timely or full payment of band fees difficult, we do not offer scholarships at this time. 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.



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### Are there any discounts available?

**PBBA offers two discounts to qualifying members:**

- Early payment discount (pay in full by July 1): \$10 discount
- 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?

This will be handled on a case-by-case basis with the directors and PBBA board representatives.