

2021-2022 Thomas Jefferson HSST Band and Ensemble Fees

FCPS and the Thomas Jefferson HSST Band will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the Thomas Jefferson Band program except for musical instrument and course material fees which are permitted by the Virginia Department of Education regulations. Schools cannot require a student to pay fees for course materials in excess of the amount approved by the FCPS School Board in Notice 5922.

The following is a description of the Thomas Jefferson HSST High School Band course material fees and FCPS-sponsored optional activity fees for participation in the music program for the upcoming season.

FCPS Required Fees	Amount	Who pays this fee?	This pays for...
Band Course Materials Fee Due September 24, 2021	~\$50 To be determined	EVERYONE (Some variations possible depending on individual uniform needs.)	This fee covers <u>consumable</u> items/expenses for the bands/ensembles throughout the school year. Some examples of these items include certain uniform parts, uniform maintenance, instrument accessories, music, food for instructional trips, etc.

FCPS Sponsored Optional Activity Fee		
<p>These are fees that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in any optional activities/trips associated with the Thomas Jefferson HSST Band. This fee is determined and assessed based on the estimated cost of the trip/activity – including such costs as transportation, accommodation, registration, food, and other miscellaneous expenses.</p> <p>Examples of trips/activities would include Marching Colonials, Indoor Winter Color Guard or Drum Line, and the Spring Trip.</p> <p>Students who do not pay the fees associated with a trip/activity will be ineligible to perform/participate in the trip/activity.</p>		
Optional Activity	Amount	Due Date
Marching Colonials (June-Nov)*	Band Camp Fee (~\$250-\$300) Activity Fee (~\$300-\$400) Overnight Competitions (~\$300) Fees to be Determined	Band Camp Fee Due July 1st Activity fee due September 1st Trip fees due in September TBD <u>Payment plans available</u>
Indoor Guard (Nov – April)	Season Fee (~\$900-1,000) Dayton Trip Fee(~\$200-300) Dayton Fees to be determined	Initial Payment due late November Remainder due early March <u>Payment plans available</u> Dayton Trip Fee due early April
Indoor Drumline (Nov-April)	Season Fee (~\$900-1,000) Dayton Trip Fee (~\$500-600) Fees to be determined	Initial Payment due late November Remainder due early March <u>Payment plans available</u> Dayton Trip Fee due early April
Jazz Ensemble (Sept-June)**	Fees to be determined (~\$75-100)	Payment due by late September
Music Department Spring Trip (April – Optional Trip)	To Be Determined (~\$550-700)	Initial deposit will be in October with subsequent payments to follow

*Marching Colonials fee structure changed in 2015 and again in 2019 due to new financial procedures and costs. Please disregard any previous payment schedule from prior years.

**Jazz Ensemble fee is a 2021 addition to cover the cost of Jazz director

Musical Instrument Rental Fee: This required fee only applies to students who play school-owned instruments, and covers maintenance costs of those school-owned instruments. Students who are verified to be on free/reduced meal plans will pay \$20 instead.

Instrument Rental Fee	Amount	Due Date
Woodwinds and Brass	\$100 Annually	9/24/21
Percussion/Rhythm Section	\$60 Annually	9/24/21

Marching Band Accessories: Certain uniform accessory items have to be purchased separately by the students as needed. Examples of these items include marching shoes, gloves, additional t-shirts, etc. The TJHSST Band will sell these items at cost to facilitate the ordering process.

Concert Uniform Accessories: Certain uniform accessory items have to be purchased separately by the students as needed. While certain concert uniform components are included (jacket, concert dress and faux pearl necklace), students are responsible for purchasing and maintaining their shirt (including stud buttons), pants, bow tie, cummerbund, black dress shoes, and black socks. Accessories will be between \$15 and \$50 depending on those needing to be purchased. The TJHSST Band will sell these items at cost to facilitate the ordering process.

Individual Performance Events: There are opportunities throughout the school year for individual students to choose to audition and/or participate in other bands. Examples include the All-District or All-State Band, and the Solo and Ensemble Festival. Audition or participation fees are often assessed for these opportunities by the sponsoring organization. The Thomas Jefferson HSST Band does not establish such fees, but the Thomas Jefferson HSST Band often assists in the collection of these fees from individuals who elect to participate and the submission of one group payment to the respective sponsoring organization. These fees are communicated at the time other information about these opportunities is communicated.

Payment Policies: Payments may be made via credit card, cash, or check as described below.

Credit Card (preferred)

Credit Card payments are made through My School Bucks. We will send out a separate announcement and instructions for how to do this for those new to this system.

Check

Payments by check are made out to **TJHSST**. Please include the student's name and the fee being paid in the memo line of the check.

Payments made by check should be placed in the lockbox within the band room (to the right as you enter the front of the room)

Cash

Please put the money in a sealed envelope and write the first and last name of the student and the name of the fee being paid (ex. Jane Doe, Marching Band fee), and take the envelope to the band office before or after rehearsal. The TJHSST staff responsible for collecting such cash payments will give you a receipt to acknowledge the cash payment. **NO CASH PAYMENTS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED INTO THE LOCKBOX IN THE BAND ROOM.**

Refunds: Typically fees paid are non-refundable once commitments and purchases have been made. These refund policies will be communicated separately as they relate to individual activities.

Financial Assistance is available for those in need of such assistance. Requests for financial assistance should be made directly to the Band Director prior to the due date for the related fee. This money is provided by the TJHSST Band Boosters, and is covered by their fundraising efforts.