

2023-2024 Thomas Jefferson HSST Band and Extracurricular Ensemble Fees

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 upcoming school year's music program. FCPS and the Thomas Jefferson HSST Band will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the TJHSST 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 beyond the amount approved by the FCPS School Board in Notice 5922.

FCPS Required Fees	Amount	What & who is it for?	Other info
Band Course Materials Fee Due in September, 2023	\$45	Tuxedo jacket rental OR Black dress rental EVERYONE	All other concert uniform items are purchased separately and usually reused year after year (bowtie, necklace, cummerbund, tux pants (can purchase used)

FCPS Sponsored Optional Activity Fee

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, including marching band, winter guard/drum line, jazz ensemble, and music department Spring trips. 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. Fees and schedules listed here are tentative estimates until official messages go out with final amounts and due dates.

Students who do not pay the fees associated with a trip/activity will be ineligible to perform/participate in the trip/activity. However, financial assistance is available through the TJ Band Boosters, and adjusted payment plans can be used as needed.

Optional Activity	Amount (ESTIMATED AMOUNTS - TBD)	Due Date (TENTATIVE DATES - TBA)
TJMC ("Marching Colonials") (May/June enrollment period) (Aug – Nov)	1 st Orkney Springs Trip Payment (\$400) 2 nd Orkney Springs Trip Payment (~\$400) Course Materials Fee (\$325) Band Camp Fee (\$200) Overnight Competition Trip(s) (~\$150)	June 8 th – or upon TJMC enrollment July 14 th – or upon TJMC enrollment August 4 th September 1 st October 6 th
Winter Color Guard (Nov – April)	1 st Season Fee (\$425) 2 nd Season Fee (\$425) Trip Fees (~\$250-500)	With enrollment (on/about Nov. 16 th) January 5 th Early March TBD
Winter Drum Line (Nov – April)	1 st Season Fee (\$425) 2 nd Season Fee (\$425) 3 rd Season Fee and initial Trip Fees (~\$425) Final Trip Fees (~\$250-500)	With enrollment (on/about Nov. 16 th) January 5 th February 2 nd Early March TBD
Jazz Ensemble (Sept – June)	Membership Fee (~\$95)	November 1 st or as needed
Music Department Spring Trip (April – Optional Trip)	To Be Determined (~\$700-900)	Payment schedule TBD

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	9/22/23
Percussion/Rhythm Section	\$60 Annually	9/22/23

Marching Band Accessories (“Incidentals”): Certain uniform accessory items must be purchased separately by the students as needed. Examples of these items include marching shoes, gloves, extra show shirts, etc. These will be priced at exact cost; these will not be used as a fundraiser.

Concert Uniform Accessories: Certain uniform accessory items must be purchased separately by the students as needed. While certain concert uniform components are included (tux jacket or concert dress), students are responsible for purchasing and maintaining their faux pearl necklace (if wearing the dress), or tux shirt (including stud buttons), pants, bow tie, cummerbund (if wearing the tux), and black dress shoes, and appropriate socks as needed. Accessories will be between \$15 and \$50 depending on those needing to be purchased. These will be priced at exact cost; these will not be used as a fundraiser, and they are generally reused in subsequent years and not repurchased unless you grow out of them. It is the students’ personal choice whether to wear the tuxedo or the dress as their concert uniform.

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 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 fee amounts are not known ahead of time and will be included with any other posted information as it becomes available for each individual activity.

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

Credit Card (preferred)

- Credit Card payments are made through MySchoolBucks. We will send out a separate announcement and instructions for how to do this for those new to this system. This is the preferred method of payment.

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. (When applicable, you will be directed to make out some payments to “TJBB” or “TJ Band Boosters”.)
- 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)
- Incoming freshmen coming from outside FCPS will need to make payments by check until their FCPS account is created and access to MySchoolBucks becomes available.

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. Take special care to label payments clearly and securely. Those choosing to put cash into the band room lockbox (not recommended) do so at their own risk since no receipt will be issued.

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, covered by their extensive fundraising efforts. Don’t let money stand in the way! We can help.