



2023-2024 Financial Letter

Bentonville West Band

Thank you for your commitment to the Bentonville West Band and for joining the **Midnight Regiment**. Our goal is for students to learn many life skills that will carry with them for the rest of their lives. We have an exciting show developed for the upcoming season which involve several expenses required to enable our program and support our students. The detail below will provide an overview of the costs involved and options for payment as part of your financial obligation required for membership in the Bentonville West Midnight Regiment.

Fair Share Fee - Commitment and Coverage

This season the Midnight Regiment will travel to contests in Owasso, OK, Bentonville, AR, Region Assessment (local), State Marching Contest in Little Rock and the Bands of America Super Regional in St. Louis, MO. **The all-inclusive fair share cost per student is \$650 for Winds, Percussion and Color Guard (includes guard uniform)**. Students will incur some additional costs for uniform accessories and instrument rental. Students will not be asked for additional payment related to travel or meals for band sanctioned events throughout the season.

Program expenses covered as part of this fee include:

- Professional show design (music, drill, choreography, props)
- Transportation (all football games and contests)
- Overnight lodging (BOA Super Regional in St Louis, MO)
- Meals (all football games, contests and extended rehearsals)
- Contest registration fees and membership dues
- 1st set of gloves for winds/percussion, member uniform shirt

Additional non-covered expenses would include:

- Marching band shoes
- Gloves
- Reeds
- Black socks
- Compression shirt and shorts
- Color Guard dance shoes, makeup, gloves, rifle

The Wolverine Band Boosters operate to help fund many other operating costs incurred by the program in order to keep band fees as low as possible.

Fair Share Fee - Payment Options

Each parent's commitment to the full and timely payment of their fees is critical to our ability to honor and maintain the financial obligations necessary to operate the program. A fee schedule is provided below if you wish to pay in installments. You may pay in full at any time. Please contact Albert Ortiz at aortiz@bentonvillek12.org for more information on payment assistance or if a different payment plan is necessary for your situation.

Payment Schedule

<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total Paid</u>
On or before June 1	\$150	\$150
On or before July 1	\$150	\$300
On or before August 1	\$150	\$450
On or before September 1	\$200	\$650 (in full)

Unpaid fees will be remitted to MyPayments Plus after the end of the season.

Fee Remittance

There are several ways to pay your fees (in full or installment based on ability):

- Pay online through Charms (go to bwestband.com/charms for more information)
- Mail a check to PO Box 658 Centerton, AR 72719
- Send cash or check to the band room (enclose in a sealed envelop with student name included)

Fair Share Fee – Financial Assistance

We understand that hardships can arise and want to ensure every student has the ability to participate in marching band. In addition to the Fee Assistance Program, students or parents/guardians/friends can participate in many fundraiser opportunities over the season to help cover fees. Look for information on the BWHS concession program (bwestband.com/concessions), Chocolate fundraising and other opportunities offered during the year.