



BENTONVILLE WEST
BAND

2024-2025 Financial Letter

Bentonville West Midnight Regiment

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 be traveling 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 uniform)**. Students will incur some additional costs for uniform accessories and instrument rental (if applicable). 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 performances and contests)
- Overnight lodging (BOA Super Regional in St. Louis, MO)
- Meals (all performances, 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

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. The Wolverine Band Boosters will offer many fundraising opportunities over the season such as popcorn sales or BWHS concession volunteering to help cover all fees. Student assistance is available to help provide financial coverage to those who qualify. 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 May 1	\$130	\$130
On or before June 1	\$130	\$260
On or before July 1	\$130	\$390
On or before August 1	\$130	\$420
On or before September 1	\$130	\$650 (in full)

Fee Remittance

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

- Pay online through CutTime – 3% fee (go to bwestband.com/cuttime 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 envelope with student name included)

Rehearsal and Performance Commitment

The rehearsal and performance schedule is meant to provide each student with the rewarding experience of traveling together as a group and working together towards a common goal. All scheduled performances and rehearsals are mandatory. A complete calendar can be found at bwestband.com/calendar.

- Summer Band Camp: July 22 – Aug 2
- Each school day rehearsal as scheduled (M,T,Th)
- Additional rehearsals/performances as scheduled
- All home high school varsity football conference games
- All marching band contests as scheduled