



Northwood High School Band Booster 2021/2022 Budget

Background

Financial support to Northwood Band Programs is a core part of the Band Boosters' mission. Unfortunately, the school and district can't fund a high impact marching band and other band programs without assistance. This is where Boosters and Band Families come in. Band Booster funds pay for additional instructors, instruments, music licensing, drill, competition fees, transportation, and many other items.

100% of donations, fundraiser monies, and fair share fees go to the band programs (this includes a small amount of administrative costs such as insurance, tax return preparation, software fees, etc.).

If you have any questions about Booster finances, please contact our Treasurer, Ann McDowell, at northwoodbandtreasurer@gmail.com

How Much Does Band Cost?

To have the full year band program that we love so much, Mr. Freeman and the Boosters are planning to spend approximately **\$109,000** in the 2021/2022 school year (a 14% increase from 2019 expenses).

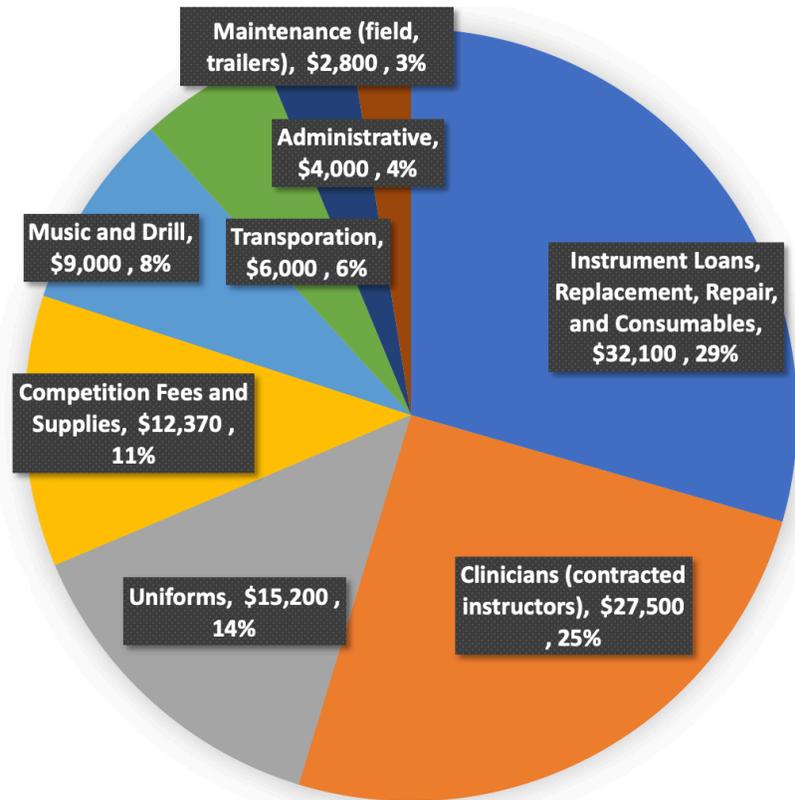
Some of these costs you probably anticipated, such as uniform expenses and snacks and meals. There are many other costs, however, that maybe you didn't anticipate that are covered by the Boosters such as:

- clinicians (contracted instructors for music and color guard)
- music
- drill (marching choreography)
- instruments and instrument repair
- practice field maintenance
- trailers
- buses and drivers
- competition fees
- props, rifles, flags

The graph on the next page gives you a better idea of how these expenses contribute to the overall budget



**Planned Expenses by
Category for 2021/2022
School Year**



**Competition fees and supplies includes color guard flags, rifles, marching band props*

***Unifoms includes marching band uniform cleaning, replacement of damaged items, new gloves, color guard uniforms, and uniforms for percussion theater*

**Are we really spending
\$32,100 on
instruments?**

Well... sort of. Part of the budgeted \$32,000 includes a \$5,500 loan payment on instruments and another part includes percussion consumables and reeds, which typically cost the program between \$2,000 and \$3,000 annually. The rest goes into replacement fund that allows Mr. Freeman to prioritize instrument replacement as needed (we do repair as long as we can). The overall state of band-owned instruments and equipment is currently poor. Many instruments are in salvage condition. The replacement fund is a new concept and is the main contributor to the increase in budget for 2021.

For 2021, we plan to use fundraisers and donations to fund instrument replacement, this line item is not a factor in 2021's Fair Share.



Why are there no expense categories for trips, activities, and the awards banquet?

Great question! These items are typically self-funded and are not in the baseline budget. For example, the meal ticket fees for the awards banquet generally cover all the associated costs.

So How Much Will Fair Share be in 2021/2022?

We'll have three revenue categories: donations; fundraisers; and Fair Share. To help keep Fair Share low, we're planning to solicit \$10,000 in donations and grants and raise another \$10,000 with fundraisers. We'll need your help with the fundraisers to make sure Fair Share stays accessible for everyone.

To meet our planned expenses with a very small buffer (\$2k), we'll need to plan to collect \$91,300 in Fair Share. Here's how that breaks down:

Program	Number of Students	Fair Share per Student	Total
Marching Band (including Color Guard)	130	\$600	\$78,000
Percussion Theater	30	\$250	\$7,500
Winter Guard	10	\$250	\$2,500
Concert & Symphonic Band	60	\$50	\$3,000
Jazz Band	6	\$50	\$300
TOTAL	236		\$91,300

Can I Use Thrift Shop Hours or Other Fundraisers to Reduce My Student's Fair Share?

Unfortunately, no, as the Band Boosters learned this year, this practice jeopardizes the organizations tax-exempt status. For more information, please see the email sent to Band Families on October 30, 2020 from Ingram McCall, Booster President.

If you'd like more information about this issue, please contact Booster Treasurer, Ann McDowell, at northwoodbandtreasurer@gmail.com

Are There Scholarships Available?

Yes, we will have a limited number of needs-based scholarships available and will be pursuing funding for more in 2021. We never want to have a student not participant in band programs because of a financial hurdle. If you'd like to apply for a scholarship, please contact Booster President, Ingram McCall, at northwoodbandpresident@gmail.com
