

**2021-2022**

**HART COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING  
BAND FINANCIAL HANDBOOK**



Welcome to the Hart County High School Band! This booklet should help with any financial questions that may arise during the school year.

### **Accessing your financial accounts:**

The band uses a program called Charms. **To access this website, go to [charmsoffice.com](http://charmsoffice.com), enter the school code [hartcountyband](http://hartcountyband.com), and then enter your student's code.** If you do not know the student code please check with Mr. Tolbert. To access the financial statement, click on the student name on the left and click "Financial Statement" at the bottom of the tab. You will then see amounts for trips, fundraising earned, miscellaneous balance, and a calculated total of credit or amount owed by your student. You will also see more detailed descriptions of each section broken down with credits and charges. If your student owes money, it needs to be paid as soon as possible. The band is not able to lend out money or let a student accrue large amounts owed to his/her account.

Each year the band offers band camp scholarships for those families who need some support for their student to participate in the band. Scholarship applications are found on the band website: [hartcountyband.com](http://hartcountyband.com). To qualify for a scholarship, the application must be turned in or postmarked by July 1<sup>st</sup>, for 2021-2022 to be considered. Each family is still responsible to raise at least \$100 PROFIT (also called fair share) for each student during the school year if a scholarship is awarded. Failure to raise money will result in not being eligible for a scholarship the next year.

### **Fees for the 2021-2022 school year:**

Band Camp	\$125
Band Camp (>1 in family)	\$105
Uniform Rental	\$20
School Instrument Rental	\$25

Those who have enough money in their accounts to cover band camp and those who pay for band camp by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 will receive a \$25 credit that can be used for other charges. The band camp fee includes a show shirt for each student.

Payments can be dropped off in the band room (gray box next to Mr. Tolbert's office). Please place payment and student information in an envelope that can be found above the gray box. If you are unable to get the payment to the band room, you may mail payments to: Hart County Band, Box 827, Hartwell, GA 30643. Please do not use cash if the payment is being mailed. Payments can also be made by Paypal using the Charms website (band code is [hartcountyband](http://hartcountyband.com)).

**Other Misc. Items (Prices subject to change):**

Marching Band Shoes	\$40
Cap	\$12
Dresses with jewelry	\$65
Concert Dress Shirts	\$30
Concert Tie	\$6
Practice t-shirts (needs 2)	\$5 each
Reeds (optional)	\$3-4
Extra Show Shirts (optional)	\$18-22

There are also other miscellaneous items such as flip folders, flip pages, and lyres that the students may need to purchase. Most items are under \$10. Auxiliary charges and information will be provided by Sam Brown and Deedra Kotal.

All freshmen will need to purchase the above items. Those who have already been in the marching band will only need to purchase items if the items are lost or a new size is needed.

**Charges for events during the school year:**

(Prices subject to change)

District Band Audition	\$30
Janfest	\$90
GSU Trip	\$15
Senior Banner	\$30

GSU = Georgia State University Band Day

Senior Banners will be displayed at football games. Students will get to keep banners after the season is over.

Students must apply for and be selected to attend Janfest at UGA in January.

## **Fundraising:**

There are at least 4 fundraisers during a school year. After each fundraiser, students will see a credit added to their statement. Profits will depend on what we get charged for the product. Listed below is what the band has experienced over the last several years.

1. **Fall and Spring Chicken Sales:** Each student will earn a profit that's added to their account of about \$3/box of chicken sold (this amount may vary according to the sale price of the chicken). The earned amount goes toward a student's fair share as well. Each student should sell at least 10 boxes of chicken..

2. **Lake Hartwell Marching Festival:** This is a very important fundraising event for the band, and we need all hands on deck for it to run smoothly. Each student and their family are needed to help with this daylong event. All money raised helps offset the many costs not paid for by students. Volunteer hours may also be applied towards your fair share; more information on this will be provided soon.

3. **Fruit Sale:** (Nov-Dec) Each band member is expected to sell enough fruit to raise at least \$100 for fair share. Profits will be determined before the fruit sale. Each student should sell at least 10 boxes to meet fair share, but don't stop at the minimum! Monetary prizes are awarded to the top 3 who bring in the most profit.

## **Fair Share:**

All students are required to raise at least \$100 of profit (not product) or "fair share" for the band. This money pays for meals prior to football games, instruction by music specialists, end of year dry-cleaning of uniforms, snacks, etc. If the student does no fundraising, the band asks that a \$150 fee be paid to cover the fees associated with each student.

All money in the students' accounts can be used for most band trips and charges. The money cannot be used for anything else nor withdrawn if the student leaves the band. However, the money can be transferred to a younger sibling who is in the band.

**Bounced checks:**

If the band receives a check that bounces, a \$5 charge will be put on the account to make up for the bank fee. After 2 bounced checks, the band will only accept cash or money orders.

**Requests:**

Any special requests regarding use of band funds must be put in writing and the executive board will discuss each request. No requests verbally received will be approved.

Additionally, the treasurer will send out statements. You can access your students account through the charms website at any time. Please see login information at the top of page 3. If there is a question or discrepancy, the issue must be brought up within 90 days. The treasurer will not be able to discuss problems that occurred more than 90 days old.

**Trips:**

Trips are a great privilege for band students. The band puts forth its best effort to provide trips that are educational, cost effective, and fun. All trips must be paid in full by the time stipulated. Any funds put towards the trip are nonrefundable. All money designated for trips will first pay off any outstanding bills on the account. Students will not be able to take trips while owing money to the band.

We are very excited about the next marching season and look forward to working with you and your student. Please contact us with any questions you may have. We can be reached at [jsmith@hart.k12.ga.us](mailto:jsmith@hart.k12.ga.us) or [nbowers@hart.k12.ga.us](mailto:nbowers@hart.k12.ga.us)

Thanks,

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Co-Treasurers