

2021-2022 West Springfield Band and Ensemble Fees

FCPS and the West Springfield Band will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the West Springfield Band program except for musical instrument and course material fees of which are permitted by the Virginia Department of Education regulations. Schools cannot require a student to pay fees for course materials in excess of the amount approved by the FCPS School Board in Notice 5922.

FCPS Required Fees	Amount	Who pays this fee?	This pays for...
Band Course Materials Fee Due September 1, 2021	\$25	EVERYONE	This fee covers <u>consumable</u> items/expenses for the bands/ensembles throughout the school year. Some examples of these items include uniform, uniform accessories/maintenance, instrument accessories, instrumental services, music, food for instructional trips, etc. Remaining collected fees will be allocated to a uniform replacement fund.
Preseason Marching Band Fee* Due July 15, 2021	\$100	Marching Band and Color Guard members	This fee covers the estimated cost of our August rehearsals including, but not limited to, such items as uniform accessories/maintenance, instrument accessories, instrumental services, food, and other miscellaneous expenses.
Marching Band Fee Due Sep 1, 2021	\$125	Marching Band and Color Guard members	This fee covers <u>consumable</u> items/expenses for the marching band season. Examples of these items include band t-shirt, drill book, uniform, uniform accessories/maintenance, instrument accessories, instrumental services, music/copyright, food for instructional trips, etc. Remaining collected fees will be allocated to a uniform replacement fund.

*FCPS Sponsored Optional Activity Fee	This is a fee that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in any activities/trips associated with the West Springfield Band. 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. Examples of trips/activities would include Indoor Guard, the Spring Band Trip and Marching Band Assessments not already fully funded by FCPS. Students who do not pay the fees associated with a trip/activity will be ineligible to perform/participate in the trip/activity.
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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 are to pay \$20.	
Woodwinds and Brass - \$100 Percussion/Rhythm Instruments - \$60 Free/Reduced Meal Rental Fee - \$20	Due 9/1/2021

Concert Uniform Fees: Concert black attire is required for all band concert performances. Items can be purchased through MySchoolBucks.	
Girl's full-length black concert dress - \$60-70 Boy's concert attire (pants, shirt, tie) - \$40-50	Due 9/1/2021

Individual Performance Events: There are opportunities throughout the school year for individual students to choose to audition and/or participate in other bands. Audition or participation fees are often assessed for these opportunities by the sponsoring organization. The West Springfield Band does not establish such fees, but the West Springfield Band 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 fees are communicated at the time other information about these opportunities is communicated.	
Auditions: Senior Regional Orchestra, All-District Band, All-Virginia Band Events: Senior Regional Orchestra, All-District Band, All-Virginia Band, Solo & Ensemble Festival	Due TBD

Payment Policies: Payments for course fees and instrumental rental may be made via credit card, cash, or check as described below

- ***Credit Card (preferred)***
 - Credit/debit card payments are made out through MySchoolBucks
- ***Check***
 - Payments by check are made out to WSHS. Please include the student's name and the fee being paid in the memo line of the check
 - Payments made by check should be placed in the lockbox within the band room OR dropped off at the WSHS main office
- ***Cash***
 - Please put 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). Take the envelope to the band office before or after rehearsal. The WSHS staff responsible for collecting such cash payments will give you a receipt to acknowledge the cash payment. **NO CASH PAYMENTS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED INTO THE LOCKBOX IN THE BAND ROOM.**

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.**