

West Campus Music & Color Guard Program

Share of Cost

2023 - 2024

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Introduction

To ensure the West Campus (WC) Music and Color Guard Program is a successful program, proper funding has to be secured. The most direct way we can secure funding is from our program participants. Many school music programs participate in a share of cost program. Other school music programs have additional fundraising opportunities including running concessions at sports games, hosting competitions, and being a part of a bigger booster program such as athletics boosters.

A share of cost program is a system where students and their families are expected to support the music program by providing a financial contribution, donating time and fundraising.

Financial Sustainability

High school music programs often have limited budgets, and a fair share program helps ensure that the program can continue to function and offer quality musical experiences to students year after year. By sharing the financial burden, the program is less reliant on external funding, current-year volunteers, or the school's budget, which can be unpredictable or insufficient.

Quality of Education

When the music program is adequately funded, it can provide a higher quality education for all. This may include hiring skilled instructors, purchasing better instruments and equipment, and investing in educational materials. Instead of focusing fundraising on a single year's needs, a share of cost program invests in the overall program, reaping benefits for several years. A higher-quality program benefits all participants by enhancing their learning experience and ensuring its continued success.

Adequate funding from a share of cost program can also lead to more opportunities for students. This can include participation in prestigious competitions, travel for performances, guest artists or conductors, and workshops—all of which enrich the student's musical education. Even if a student or program does not directly benefit or participate in the current opportunities, the financial security provided by participation in a share of cost program allows the program to expand and offer new opportunities that students may elect to participate in during their high school tenure.

Community Building

Volunteering and participating in fundraising activities can bring students, parents, and the community together. This sense of community can foster positive relationships and support networks, not only among students but also among the adults involved in the program. As we work together to achieve our common goal of providing the best experience for our children and the students at West Campus High School.

Sustainability

A fair share program helps ensure the long-term sustainability of the music program. It can protect the program from budget cuts or changes in school funding priorities, allowing it to continue benefiting students for years to come.

Music Program Participation

The West Campus Music Program offers several opportunities for student participation. Some students choose to participate in music class and contribute to on-campus performances as well as some local community performances. Other students participate in one or more of the after-school programs and may join competitions around the state. In an effort to support all of our students at the level they want to participate, we have created a share of cost concept for the 2023-2024 school year. To view a sample budget for the school year, please see the [West Campus Music Handbook](#). If you would like to learn more about our budget, you are invited to attend the West Campus Music Boosters meetings.

Expenses covered in the 2023-24 Share of Cost:

- Supplemental instructor stipends.
- Competition fees.
- T-shirts for all participants.
- Travel fees for competitions.
- Northern California Band Association (NCBA) fee.
- Bus transportation for the end-of-year trip.
- Band equipment (drumsticks, reeds, repairs, and replacements).
- Color Guard equipment (flags, sabers).
- Base marching band uniforms.
- Sheet music.

Expenses not included in the 2023-24 Share of Cost:

(These costs will be payable by students participating in specific activities only)

- *Supplemental band uniform pieces (shoes, sashes, hats).*
- *Drumline costumes*
- *Color Guard costumes.*
- *End-of-the-year trip expenses (the boosters plan to pay transportation costs**).*
- *Booster membership.*

**** If we are able to do significant fundraising this year, we may cover more of the end-of-year trip expenses.
Sign up to volunteer to help us fundraise!**

We understand that families have other financial priorities throughout the year. We have a few non-financial contribution options available to families and will do whatever we can to work together with you to support the WC Music Program.

Since students participate in West Campus Music in different ways, we have divided the expected Share of Cost contribution into three categories for the 2023-24 school year. To have a better understanding of the costs associated with the program, please take a look at our sample annual budget in the [West Campus Music Program Handbook](#).

Share of Cost breakdown for 2023-24 School Year

	Color Guard Families	Competitive Music Program Families^	Music Program Only Families
Share of cost	\$500	\$300	\$100
*With volunteer commitment	\$350	\$150	\$50

***With Volunteer Commitment:** *If you have the ability to volunteer your time to the West Campus Music Program, your share of cost can be reduced. There are a variety of volunteer options available. The 2023-24 commitment required to reduce Share of Cost is provided in the commitment form at the end of this document.*

^ Drumline students: *We are thrilled to have our drumline program back this year. Because the program is getting re-established, the cost for drum line students is currently an estimate. If your student is interested in drumline, please note that the Share of Cost may change slightly.*

Participation Category Definitions

Color Guard Families: Students who actively participate in after-school Color Guard and Color Guard competitions.

Competitive Band Families: Students who actively participate in after-school band and band competitions.

Music Program Only Families: Students who play an instrument in class, participate in jazz or modern band, and play in concerts.

Note: If your student is enrolled in multiple programs/classes, please select the highest commitment amount. Ex: A student who participates in 6th period band, Jazz Band and Competitive Band would select Competitive Band on the form. Scholarships are available for all students in any program(s).

Payment Options and Scholarships

We understand that families have different budgets and other financial obligations. We offer a variety of payment options as well as full or partial scholarships for families that need additional support. We are committed to ensuring every interested student is able to participate in the West Campus Music Program.

Please complete the form at the end of this document and return it to Ms. Fonseca or bring it to a West Campus Music Program meeting.

Payments

Please add treasurer@westcampusmusic.org as a "Safe Sender" on your email account so you can receive statements and other communications. When making payments, please follow these guidelines:

- Checks are preferred over cash and can be made payable to WC Music Boosters.
- Credit card payments are accepted by the Treasurer during Music Boosters meetings.
- Payments can be submitted using the [WC Music Boosters PayPal account](#). Please add a note indicating the name of the student and the payment purpose.
- When school is in session, payments can be given to Ms. Fonseca.
- To receive a statement of your family's account showing payments, fundraising credits, and any outstanding balance, please contact the Share of Cost Coordinator or the Treasurer.

FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for our Share of Cost Program

What is the Share of Cost Program?

The Share of Cost Program is a system designed to financially support our high school music program. The cost is estimated by evaluating the operating costs of the music program, taking into consideration specific program costs, and dividing that cost by the number of participants expected in each program. It requires all participants and their families to contribute financially or through volunteer work to ensure the program can be funded at a bare minimum to operate. The share of cost contribution does not cover all operating or program costs, however, it is essential to maintain a successful program.

Why is the Share of Cost Program important?

The Share of Cost Program is essential for several reasons. The most direct way we can secure funding is from our program participants. This is your opportunity to make an investment in your child and the West Campus Music Program as a whole. It helps cover the costs of instruments, repairs, sheet music, transportation, and other expenses, ensuring that our music program can provide a high-quality experience to all students. It also promotes equity, teaches valuable life skills, and fosters a sense of community among participants.

How much is the Share of Cost contribution?

The specific amount will vary from year to year and program participation. It is determined by the funding needs of each program offered, any carryover balance from the previous year, the planned budget and any additional funding or expenses. It will always depend on the needs of the program and number of participants.

What if my family can't afford the Share of Cost contribution?

We understand that financial circumstances can vary. If you're unable to meet the Share of Cost contribution, please complete the form and select the need for a scholarship. We do not request any financial information to apply for a scholarship. We do ask that you contribute by volunteering if you are able to do so.

What does a volunteer commitment involve?

Volunteering may include helping with fundraising events, assisting with program logistics, or offering your skills and expertise in a way that benefits the music program. Volunteering is a great way to get involved, connect with the music community, and reduce your Share of Cost.

How is Share of Cost funding used?

Share of Cost funding is used to cover various program expenses, such as instrument maintenance, purchasing new equipment, competition fees, music instruction, transportation to performances, and other program-related costs. Transparency in financial matters is a priority, and a breakdown of how funds are used are available in the program handbook. Additionally, treasurer reports are shared at Music Booster Board meetings.

Can I choose not to participate in the Share of Cost Program?

Participation in the Share of Cost Program is strongly encouraged, as it is essential for the success of our music program. However, we understand that individual circumstances may vary. We do offer scholarships for families who are unable to participate. If you have concerns about participating, please contact our Band Director to discuss your situation and explore possible alternatives.

I have more questions about the program. Who can I talk to?

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions to improve this process, please reach out to the Music Booster board. Send an email to president@westcampusmusic.org

Other local schools who have Fair Share Programs

- Foothill Band Boosters: Marching Band, Color Guard \$1,100 annual, Color Guard \$650 [Band Boosters](#)
- Lincoln Band: Marching Band \$150 annual  [2023 Lincoln Band Handbook.pdf](#)
- Laguna Creek: \$500 per student
https://www.thelchsband.org/files/ugd/297c8e_1f41c2a9b143474d91e75e8ec99a4c47.pdf
- JFK Band: \$450 <https://www.jfkennedyband.com/jfk-music-sponsorship-program/>
- Oakmont: \$300 <https://www.oakmontband.com/fair-share-campaign>

Share of Cost Commitment Form 2023-2024

Name of Student:

Year in school (circle): Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Parent Name:

Parent Phone number:

Parent email address:

Program(s) student participates in:

Note: If your student participates in multiple programs, please select the highest Share of Cost (or scholarship).

Share of Cost Commitment

My student participates in the following program and I am committing to the following:

- ☐ Color Guard
 - ☐ \$500
 - ☐ \$350 + 15 hours of volunteer time this school year or firework season
- ☐ Competitive Band
 - ☐ \$300
 - ☐ \$150 + 15 hours of volunteer time this school year or firework season
- ☐ Music Program (after-school jazz/modern band or band class)
 - ☐ \$100
 - ☐ \$50 + 5 hours of volunteer time this school year or firework season
- ☐ Scholarship Request -My family requests a scholarship at this time to cover \$_____ of the costs this year. To help support the program, I am able to volunteer _____ hours.

Payment schedules

- ☐ Option 1 - Please accept my one-time total payment of \$_____ (Due Oct 31)
- ☐ Option 2 - Please accept my 50% payment of \$_____ (Due Oct 31) and the remaining payment of \$_____ (Due April 1)
- ☐ Option 3 - I would like to send monthly payments of \$_____
- ☐ Scholarship
- ☐ **Optional** - In addition to my share of cost commitment, I am able to donate directly to the program to help provide scholarships to others or reduce costs. Please accept my tax-deductible donation of \$_____

Volunteer Openings

I am interested in volunteering for:

- ☐ Board President - (Interim president in place as of 9/15/23)
- ☐ Board VP
- ☐ Board Secretary - (Interim secretary in place as of 9/15/23 with intent to run for position)
- ☐ Fireworks stand coordinators (assist with summer fireworks booth planning)
- ☐ Uniform coordinators (assist with band uniforms)
- ☐ Grant Writing
- ☐ Social Media team (assist with posting events)
- ☐ Events Coordinator (assist with one or more events- concerts, fundraisers, competitions)
- ☐ Volunteer coordinator (assist with tracking volunteer hours)
- ☐ Share of cost coordinator (assist the treasurer in tracking share of cost contributions)
- ☐ Other: I have a great idea for fundraising/music program support