

2026-2027 Thomas Jefferson HSST Band and Extracurricular Ensemble Fees

The following is a description of the Thomas Jefferson HSST High School Band course material fees and FCPS-sponsored optional activity fees related to participation in the upcoming school year's curricular band and marching band programs. FCPS and the Thomas Jefferson HSST Band will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the TJHSST Band program except for musical instrument and course material fees which are permitted by the Virginia Department of Education regulations. Schools cannot require a student to pay fees for course materials beyond the amount approved by the FCPS School Board in Notice 5922.

FCPS Required Fees	Amount	What & who is it for?	Other info
Band Course Materials Fee Due in September	\$75	Tuxedo jacket rental OR Black dress rental AND ALL Accessories —> EVERYONE	Concert Uniform Accessories are covered by this cost: Including the bowtie, cummerbund, tux pants, and tux shirt for tuxedo wearers. Items will be issued as needed and you would only be asked to pay an additional amount if a replacement is needed mid-year due to a lost item. You keep these items, returning only the rented portions (tux jacket or dress).

Musical Instrument Rental Fee: This fee applies to students who play school-owned instruments, and covers maintenance costs of those school-owned instruments. Students verified to be on free/reduced meal plans will pay \$20 instead.		
Instrument Rental Fee	Amount	Due Date
Woodwinds and Brass Only pay if using a school instrument	\$110 Annually	9/25/26
Percussion Required for all Percussionists	\$30 Annually (\$60 if also in marching band)	9/25/26

FCPS Sponsored Optional Activity Fee		
These are fees that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in any optional activities/trips associated with the Thomas Jefferson HSST Band, including marching band and music department Spring trips. 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. Fees and schedules listed here are tentative estimates until official messages go out with final amounts and due dates. Students who do not pay the fees associated with a trip/activity will be ineligible to perform/participate in the trip/activity. However, financial assistance is available through the TJ Band Boosters, and adjusted payment plans can be used as needed.		
Optional Activity	Amount (ESTIMATED AMOUNTS - TBD)	Due Date (TENTATIVE DATES - TBA)
TJMC (“Marching Colonials”) (May/June enrollment period) (Aug – Nov)	1 st Orkney Springs Trip Payment (\$405) 2 nd Orkney Springs Trip Payment (\$400) Course Materials Fee (\$285) Band Camp Fee (~\$200) Overnight Competition Trip(s) (~\$150-300) *“Incidental” Fees (As needed)	June 4 th – or upon TJMC enrollment Aug 7 th – or upon TJMC enrollment Sept 4 th Late September TBA Late October TBA Payment Schedule TBD
Music Department Trip (TBD)	To Be Determined (~\$750-1,000)	3-4 step Payment schedule TBD

***Marching Band “Incidentals”:** Certain smaller individual items may require separate purchase, TBD.

OTHER Individual Performance Events: There are opportunities throughout the school year for individual students to choose to audition and/or participate in related events outside TJ. Examples include the Senior Regional Orchestra, All-District or All-State Bands, and the Solo and Ensemble Festival. Participation fees are often needed to sign up. Amounts and collection info is not always known ahead of time, but will be included with any other posted information as it becomes available for each individual activity.

FCPS Sponsored Optional Activity Fee for other Extracurricular Programs offered by TJ Bands

These are fees that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in any optional activities/trips associated with other extracurricular ensembles offered by Thomas Jefferson HSST Band, including Indoor Winter Drum Line, Indoor Winter Color Guard, the Jazz Ensemble, and any other group we may choose to create outside the usual curricular ensembles. 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. Fees and schedules listed here are tentative estimates until official messages go out with final amounts and due dates. Students who do not pay the fees associated with a trip/activity will be ineligible to perform/participate in the trip/activity. However, financial assistance is available through the TJ Band Boosters, and adjusted payment plans can be used as needed.

Optional Activity	Amount (ESTIMATED AMOUNTS - TBD)	Due Date (TENTATIVE DATES - TBA)
Winter Color Guard / Drum Line (Nov – April)	1 st Season Fee (est. \$400) 2 nd Season Fee (est. \$400) 3 rd Season Fee (est. \$400) Final Fees (if necessary depending on travel/event plan at the end of the seasons) (~\$150-500)	With enrollment (on/about Nov.12 th) Mid-late January TBD Mid-late February TBD March/April TBD
Jazz Ensemble (Sept – June)	Membership Fee (~\$100)	Payment schedule TBD
*Other Ensembles TBD	Enough to cover cost of an instructor, and performances, equipment, music, or other	Payment schedule TBD

*Want to start a new group at TJ!? You're welcome to create and run student-groups at no cost on your own schedule! However, if you'd like us to create something more formal, perhaps with a dedicated music instructor, and maybe performance events outside school, then let's talk! There's been recent activity including a wind quintet, a brass choir, a flute choir... talk to Mr. Ballard!