

2025-2026 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 now ARE covered by this cost: Bowtie, necklace, cummerbund, tux pants used to be paid for separately and individually, but due to the growing size of our program, it is no longer possible to manage this process. The course fee has been increased to absorb those costs, and you will <i>not</i> have any "incidental" fees to pay for separately anymore. Items will be issued as needed and you will only be asked to pay separately if a replacement is needed mid-year.

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	9/26/25
Percussion Required for all Percussionists	\$60 Annually	9/26/25

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 (\$405) Band Camp Fee (\$190) Course Materials Fee (\$285) Overnight Competition Trip(s) (~\$150-300) *“Incidental” Fees (As needed)	May 29 th – or upon TJMC enrollment Aug 2 nd – or upon TJMC enrollment Late August TBA Late September TBA Mid 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 uniform accessory items must be purchased separately by the students as needed. Examples of these items include marching shoes, gloves, extra show shirts, etc. These can be reused annually, or replaced as you go.

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		
<p>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.</p>		
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.13 th) January 16 th February 13 th 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 interest in a wind quintet, a brass choir, a flute choir... talk to Mr. Ballard!