

LSHS Lightening Band Parent Fact Sheet

This form was created to help answer any questions parents may have regarding student/parent participation in Lehigh Senior High School Band. It is the goal of the Band Director and the Band Parent Association to provide all the necessary information required so that Parents have a clearer understanding of their expectations. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Band Director or a member of the Band Parent Association.

What is the Band Booster Association:

Members of the boosters (BPA) are usually the parents or guardians, and family members of the band students. Having a child in Band makes you a member of the Band Parent Association. The band boosters association was created to arouse, stimulate, and maintain an enthusiastic interest in **all** phases of the band program. We must also organize, provide and support the band so that our children may have the ability to participate in this engaging educational opportunity. This organization **depends** on the participation of every family with a Band student.

- ★ There is a \$10.00 dollar administration fee that is usually collected from parents at the beginning of each school year.

When are Band Parent Meetings Held: BPA meetings are usually held the first Monday of the month during a calendar year.

Where is this the calendar and other information provided to Parents:

www.lshslightningband.org

There you will find all the necessary forms and information you need.

What is My Student Account : A student account is your fair share of the fees associated with the students participation in Band.

What do Band/Guard Fees typically Cover:

- Band Fee
- Work Bond
- Uniform
- Indoor Guard equipment and Fees
- Marching Shoes
- Band T-shirt
- Gloves band/guard
- Equipment

***Additional fees may be required throughout the year which the Band Director will notify Parents of any incidentals.*

***There is a payment plan to help offset the costs associated with Band Fees , a uniform will not be issued to a student until all fees are paid or a payment plan has been established with LSHS Band Parent Association and approved by the Band Director.*

Why do I need to volunteer : It takes a village! There is a lot of behind the scenes work that is needed to make it possible for your child/student to participate in Band. The Director of the Band and the school needs families to pledge their support and participate in one of the many programs offered to your child. There are various ways to participate and you can choose the best way that fits your family. Any time is appreciated and more than one family member is encouraged to participate.

A Lee County School District volunteer form with a copy of your identification/Driver's License must be returned to the school at the beginning of **each** school year.

**School District volunteer forms can be found on the Band website and can be printed and hand delivered or emailed directly to the Band Director.*

What is the Volunteer Bond:

Each Band family will pay a work bond of \$ 50.00 to be paid by the last day of band camp. This \$50.00 work bond will be credited back to the student's fair share account only after the parent volunteer(s) completes **all** of the following 4 volunteering criteria.

- Volunteers at a Lightning Tournament of Bands Duty
- Volunteers at at least one Concession Stand duty (home game, open house, prism concert, district concert, or MPA).
- Completes at least two other activities including:
 - Chaperoning an event
 - Helping in the Stands at a Football Game either Home or Away
 - Volunteering for an additional concession stand
 - Transporting Equipment to and from field
 - Organizing or chairing a fundraiser
 - Helping with uniform fittings
 - Running Uniform Check in or Check out with students
 - Equipment Transportation
 - Other work bond credit activity approved by the Band Parents Association.

Volunteers must sign in and out to receive credit hours.

If a family has not completed **all** 4 of the requirements and made a request for the funds by March 1st the \$50 dollar bond will be forfeited and will remain in the band general fund.

Why is the work bond necessary: In order for the band to be successful parent participation is necessary. It is becoming harder and harder for the district to be able to provide these programs for our children to participate in. It is also becoming increasingly difficult to get parents to participate and so the work bond was created to help offset the costs and time associated with having a student in band. In order to have a successful band program it is essential that we have parent participation.

How to make payments to your students account: Payments to accounts can be made through the Band Director , Treasurer or other Band Parent Association members. Fees are usually accepted as Cash, check, credit or a payment app.

Fees are made payable to:

LSHS Music Parent Association

What happens to money left over in the Account when my child can no longer participate in band? Typically left over money is “gifted” to the band general fund or other band students that are in need of financial assistance. The money in the band account is not usually refundable.

Fundraising: Fundraising is an essential part of all school organizations . A variety of opportunities will be organized over the school year and require parent and student participation.

What is Concessions : Concessions are a way that the band makes money needed for equipment, fees , travel. Concessions are setup at a variety of events and families must participate .

What Events does the Band participate in each year : Typically each year the band participates in (these are subject to change)

- Marching Band Season which consists of Camp, Games, Competitions, Parades
- Friday Night Football games and competitions(Fall)
- Lightning Tournament of Bands- Band Hosts (Fall),
- Winter Concert
- The Edison Festival of Lights Parade,
- LSHS Band hosts the Jazz MPA, Late Winter/Early Spring
- Solo and Ensemble
- District Concert (Spring)
- Band Banquet

Who are the Chaperones : Usually adults and family members of band students at least 18 years old. Parents are required to help chaperone away games, trips and competitions, performances. A district volunteer form must be completed and returned to the band director/school along with a copy of your identification.

