

DAVIESS COUNTY

Band of Pride

Understanding the costs

The band fee is \$300 each year. See the breakdown on the reverse to see where this money goes. You have two options for payment of this fee:

1. Pay the entire \$300 on or before May 21st, 2012
2. Pay in installments as per our payment schedule option. We provide payment coupons for those choosing this option.

In addition to the band fee, students will need some uniform components (show shirt, marching gloves and shoes) and to help pay for Saturday rehearsal/competition meals. This total amount for most students will be around \$100 to \$120 and will be due on or before July 20th.

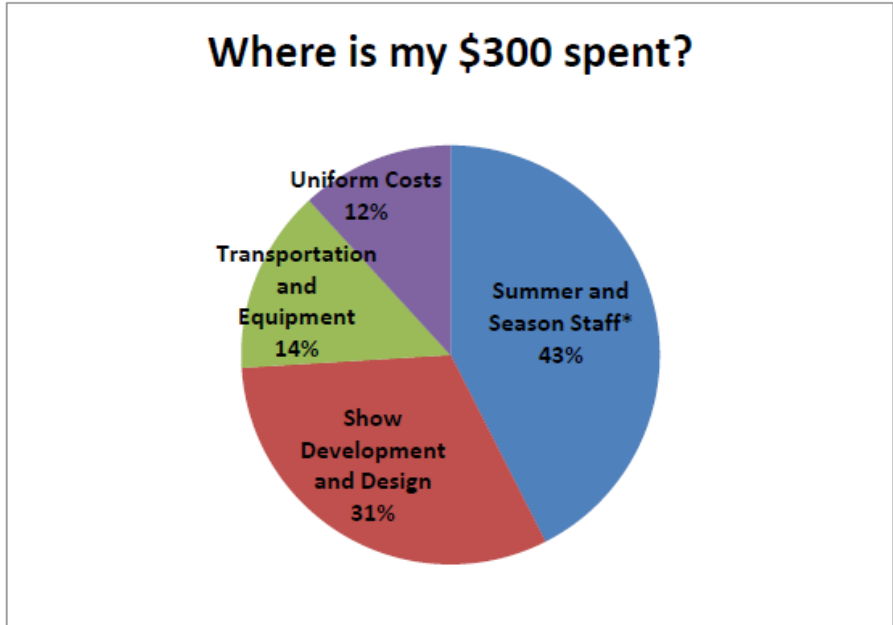
Students who play percussion, are guard members, or who use a school-owned instrument at any time throughout the year are required to pay an addition \$75 user fee. This helps us to keep school instruments clean and in the best playing condition we can afford and to maintain drum heads, sticks, mallets, as well as guard equipment and uniforms (new each year).

For example, having a single tuba or sousaphone cleaned inside and out costs the band nearly \$150. Each pair of mallets for our front ensemble costs \$20-\$35. Replacing the rims on a single bass drum can cost over \$100. Dent removal can cost \$15 - \$200+ depending on severity. Getting a tenor sax re-padded costs nearly \$400. Flags often cost \$35-\$45 each and we use around 20 per set, 3 sets per show. These costs are not only common, they are frequent.

WE DO NOT want these financial obligations to be the reason a student chooses not to do band. Although we are not able to reduce these fees, we are more than willing to work together with families on a customized payment plan that will help make participation possible for everyone.

THE FEE BREAKDOWN

Cost of typical marching season: \$65,000 minimum
Total band fees: \$300 per student (\$30,000 if we have 100 members)
Deficit = \$35,000 (fundraised – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT)
Average cost of running the DCHS Band Program per year: \$90,000-\$100,000



* Please be aware the band director and assistant band director DO NOT receive compensation directly or indirectly from student fees.

