



## Fishers High School Band Boosters Financial Assistance Policy

The Fishers High School Band program understands that families may come upon times of financial hardship. Although we would like to have every interested child be able to participate in extracurricular band activities, the reality is that these activities do require funds in order to operate, and these funds are not provided by the school district. In order to strike a balance between enabling as many students as possible to participate and being able to meet the band's financial obligations, the following policies are in effect for the Fishers High School Band Booster (FHSBB) organization:

1. **Free or Reduced Lunch Eligibility.** Any family on a free or reduced lunch program shall have their band class fair share fee waived for that school year. (This applies only to the band class fee, not to any extracurricular band activities.) Notification of this status must be made in writing to the Student Accounts Representative and confirmed by Fishers High School.
2. **Payment Extension.** A one-week extension of a payment due date may be granted if the request is made – in writing and in advance – to the Student Accounts representative. All paperwork is still due on the original date, only the payment due date is extended.
3. **Delayed Payment Schedule.** Families may negotiate a delayed payment schedule if they are unable to meet the published payment due dates, subject to the following rules:
  - a. The delayed payment arrangement is subject to the approval of the FHSBB.
  - b. The delayed payment arrangement must be documented in writing, and signed by a legal adult family member and either the FHSBB President or Student Accounts Representative.
  - c. The arrangement must be made in advance of the payment due date.
  - d. The family must participate in at least one (1) fundraising opportunity that generates student account credit.
  - e. Students cannot sign up for additional extracurricular activities until their student account is in good standing (has no outstanding balance due).
4. **Financial Assistance.** Financial assistance may be available at the discretion of the FHSBB board. Availability of assistance depends on the current FHSBB financial position. Families may request financial assistance from the FHSBB board, subject to the following rules:
  - a. The decision by the FHSBB board regarding whether (and how much) to extend assistance is final. There is no appeal process.
  - b. Requests for assistance must be submitted in writing to the Student Accounts Representative, and must describe the financial hardship situation.
  - c. An assistance agreement shall be documented in writing, and signed by a legal adult family member and either the FHSBB President or Student Accounts Representative.
  - d. Unless otherwise documented in the Financial Assistance Agreement, the FHSBB will match student account contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Funds received both through cash payments and fundraisers are eligible for matching.
  - e. The family must participate in at least two (2) fundraising opportunities that generate student account credit.
  - f. Financial assistance is only available to current Fishers High School students. Cadet marchers are not eligible for financial aid from the FHSBB.