



FRANKLIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

BLUE REGIMENT Marching Band and Color Guard

2023 Budget Information

The Franklin Community High School BLUE REGIMENT Marching Band and Color Guard is an extra-curricular activity. The marching band is well supported and funded by our school corporation, but for the size and scope of the program, additional funding is necessary. Some important facts to know about our member fees:

- The BLUE REGIMENT is one of the largest extra-curricular activities in the high school
- Corporation funding cover approximately 15 to 25% of the group's expenses.
- Our largest single cost each year is instructional staff. Having additional staff makes it possible to provide greater attention to the individual members and sections.
- The fees are set each year as low as possible to cover our costs. While budgeting, the number of students participating and how much funding is available from the school corporation is carefully estimated. Final numbers are not usually known until late May/early June.
- There is a sibling discount for families with multiple children in the marching band/color guard.
- Many families have been able to pay little or no money out-of-pocket to have their children participate by using the various band booster fundraising opportunities!

PAYING FOR ACTIVITIES USING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Each year the directors and staff work to improve the quality of the pageantry arts experience for our members and their families. Our band booster organization - the Franklin Community Schools Band Boosters - is a non-profit group that assists in providing volunteers, organizing fundraisers, and managing student fees for grades 6-12.

The Band Booster organization tries to provide as many ways possible to help you pay your child's fees through programs that generate credit for your child's student account. Families have been able to cover their entire member fees without paying anything out of pocket.

If a family has a financial situation that makes it difficult to cover the costs of marching band, the most important this to do is to contact the band booster treasurer at treasurer@franklinbands.info. The band booster organization will work with you to find a way for your child to participate.

WHAT IS COVERED BY MEMBER FEES:

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| • Additional instructional staff | • Props/Backdrops – <i>partially covered</i> |
| • Musical arrangements – <i>partially covered</i> | • Color guard costumes – <i>partially covered</i> |
| • Show design consultation – <i>partially covered</i> | • Color guard equipment – <i>partially covered</i> |
| • Choreography (guard and band) – <i>partially covered</i> | • Food at football games/snacks at band camp |
| • Sound design – <i>partially covered</i> | • Truck/vehicle rental (box truck and/or semi-cab) |
| • Competition entry fees – <i>partially covered</i> | • Fuel for vehicles |

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WHAT IS COVERED BY CORPORATION FUNDING:

- Drill design
- Musical arrangements – *partially covered*
- Show design consultation – *partially covered*
- Choreography (guard and band) – *partially covered*
- Sound design – *partially covered*
- Competition entry fees – *partially covered*
- Props/Backdrops – *partially covered*
- Marching band uniforms (tops)
- Color guard costumes – *partially covered*
- Color guard equipment – *partially covered*
- Student awards (Varsity letters, chevrons, etc.)

WHAT IS NOT COVERED BY MEMBER FEES OR CORPORATION FUNDS:

- Corporation transportation fee (\$30 student/season)
- Marching band members – new black marching shoes – approximately **\$35** (not needed each year).
- Color guard members – new marching shoes – approximately **\$37**; extra gloves **\$16**; body suit **\$20**
- BLUE REGIMENT marching band t-shirt – A new member's first shirt is included in their member fee; additional or replacement shirts may be purchased. All band members are required to wear their black BLUE REGIMENT t-shirt under their uniform for each **and** every performance!
- Socks – every marching band member are required to wear black socks for performances. These need to be crew type black socks.
- Extra gloves – the first pair of gloves is included. If additional or replacement gloves are needed a charge will be added to the student's account.
- Spirit wear and student show shirts – *this is optional*.

OTHER INFORMATION

- A sibling discount is available for families with more than one child in the marching band/color guard. A \$25 discount (per child) is given for families with two or more children. First child member fees are \$750. Each additional child's member fees are \$725.
- Payments may be made via credit card on the band website (www.franklinbands.info/online-payments), by check mailed to the band booster PO Box, or cash/check turned in directly to a director at the high school band office.
- A **\$19.00** NSF (non-sufficient funds) charge will be assessed on all returned checks.
- Anyone having difficulty in paying fees on time **MUST IMMEDIATELY** contact the band booster treasurer to set up an alternative payment plan. We **NEVER** want a child to miss out for financial reasons. We have numerous fundraising opportunities that can help families.
- **Due to design, planning, and budgeting ALL fees will be NON-REFUNDABLE after June 2, 2023.**
- **After June 2, 2023, members who are removed due to discipline/behavior issues or drop out of the program will be liable for the ENTIRE member fee.**