

Lake Nona High School Band Program

2018-19 Financial Information

The Lake Nona High School Band Program will spend an estimated \$85,000 during the school year to provide students and parents with positive, life-changing experiences. The **good news** is that we do not assess our students the full amount. Our amazing Lake Nona High School Band Boosters help to raise the remaining funds necessary! Students are assessed financial obligations in specific areas described below:

Band Fair Share Assessment - \$200

This assessment helps cover the cost of instruction by our expert staff members/clinicians, transportation, competition/FBA fees, show design, t-shirts, and much more. This is paid by all band members (instrumentalists & guard/majorettes).

Band/Guard Shoe Assessment - \$35

This amount is required by all new members as well as any other students who needs new shoes. The shoes are the same from year to year, so this is usually a one-time expense.

Instrument/Equipment – Rental/Maintenance Assessment - \$50 per semester

Students are assessed \$50 per semester for the use of school-owned instruments and equipment. This includes all school-owned instruments and percussion equipment (all percussionists pay this fee). The fee is \$50 per semester, regardless of how many instruments are issued to that student. (This is only \$10 per month, which is very reasonable.)

Sapphires/Lionettes Fall Uniform Assessment - \$150

The fall season uniform (pep uniform) and jacket are covered by this assessment. The uniform and jacket designs remain the same from year to year, so this is a one-time cost as long as the uniform and jacket are well maintained and still fit correctly. This fee is due by the end of band camp to ensure timely delivery of the uniforms and jackets.

Instrumentalist Uniform Assessment - \$75

This assessment covers cleaning and maintenance of the marching band uniforms (non-guard) which are cleaned several times throughout the season. This also covers cleaning & replacement costs involved with the concert uniforms.

Instrumentalist Payment Schedule*:

Date	Amount Due	Payment Item
August 10, 2018	\$200	Fair Share (all members)
	\$35	Shoe Assessment (all new members & any others as needed)
September 1, 2018	\$50	Instrument/Equipment – Rental/Assessment (per semester)
January 7, 2019	\$50	
October 1, 2018	\$75	Uniform Assessment

Sapphires/Lionettes Payment Schedule*:

Date	Amount Due	Payment Item
June 1, 2018	\$150	Fall Uniform Assessment
August 10, 2018	\$200	Band Fair Share (all members)
	\$35	Shoe Assessment (all new members & any others as needed)
Spring Semester	\$250-450	Indoor Season Assessment (payment schedule & info TBA)

***Early Pay Incentive - If assessments are paid IN FULL (all assessments for the entire year, except WinterGuard) by the end of August, you will receive a \$25 discount.**

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How to Pay Your Assessments

Parents may be made online with a debit or credit card using SchoolPay. This is the most convenient way to make payments. Visit <http://www.schoolpay.ocps.net> to get started! Payments may also be sent to school with students and placed in the band lockbox located in the band office. If sending payments to school, please place the payment in an envelope with your student's name on it and specify what type of payment is being submitted.

Charms!

The Charms Music Office Assistant is our system for keeping financial records and student/parent information for the Lake Nona High School Band. Fundraisers, trips, assessments, payments, and contact information are all organized through Charms. You can access you account balance, update your contact information, view your assigned inventory, and much more anytime you want through the Charms system. Your Student ID is the same as your OCPS ID. If you do not know this number, please e-mail Mrs. Leimer (monica.leimer@ocps.net) or Kandace Nadeau (EandKey@gmail.com) and it will be sent to you ASAP. When you log on for the first time, you will assign yourself a password that only you know so you can be assured that your information is secure.

When you activate your Charms account, you will need to enter your address, telephone number(s), and e-mail address(s) so that you can get all of the latest Lake Nona HS Band information. This information will only be used for LNHS Band purposes, so you do not need to worry about your privacy or solicitors.

Logging on to Charms is simple. Just follow these steps:

1. Type www.charmsoffice.com into your web browser.
2. Hover over "ENTER" at the top right of the screen.
3. Click on "Parents/Students/Members"
4. Enter our school code: "lakenonaband"
5. Enter your password. The first time you log in to Charms your password is your ID number.

Fundraising

Throughout the year the Lake Nona High School Band will participate in several fundraisers. While several of these are designed to benefit the entire program as a whole, there are many fundraisers designed to help students earn money to help pay for individual assessments, trips, and other expenses associated with participation in the band. If they work hard, it is possible for students to earn enough to cover assessments through participating in these fundraisers.

These assessments are a requirement for every student and failure to pay will result in a school obligation. With that, it is extremely important that no student be excluded from band due to financial difficulties. It is always our goal to keep the cost of our assessments at an absolute minimum while still making sure that we are meeting the financial needs of our band program. We are pleased that our assessments are set at a lower mark than most OCPS high schools. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or if there is a hardship for a student who might need additional time/assistance in paying. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Scholarship

We have a scholarship fund to assist families with band assessments and expenses. We are asking families and community members that are able, to make a tax-deductible contribution to this scholarship fund. No amount is too small. If you or someone you know would like to make a donation, please specify on the check or money order that the payment is to go into the "LNHS Band Assessment Scholarship Fund." Any family experiencing financial need will be able to apply for scholarship assistance and we will award full and partial band scholarships based on the amount that is contributed to the fund each year. All scholarships are need-based and recipients will be kept private. For a scholarship application, please e-mail Mrs. Leimer (monica.leimer@ocps.net).