

# Atlee High School Band Boosters

## ***Policy on Student Fees***

### *Marching Band*

Marching band is truly a group enterprise. Marching drills are custom-written for the band, and take into account the movements of each individual participant. The band director must know exactly how many people are in the band, and what instruments they play. Once the drill is written it is very difficult to change. In addition instructional costs, transportation costs and competition fees are forecasted based on the number of participants.

Marching band participation fees are not refundable. However, where a student must forego participation because of his or her own medical condition that makes participation impossible, fees already paid will be put into the student's band account, and may be carried over until the following year. The student will be required to furnish a statement signed by a physician stating the type and duration of the disability. In the event that a family cannot pay the band camp fee, the student's account will be liquidated. If this does not settle the balance further arrangements must be made with Mr. Rozecki.

### *Band Spring Trip*

The band plans one major spring trip each year with overnight hotel stay included. Band trips require advance planning and payment. The cost varies on how many students and chaperones participate. Once the AHS Band Boosters have made payments to the trip organizer there cannot be a refund issued. If a student commits and then decides not to participate the rate per person may increase.

Because of the advance payment requirement to trip organizers, trip fees are non-refundable and they must be paid in a timely manner. If a student fails to make two consecutive trip payments he or she may be excluded from the trip. Students will not be allowed to board the spring trip bus unless their trip fees have been paid in full. In addition, band camp fees including shoes and gloves must also be paid in full prior to being allowed to travel on the band spring trip.

### *Other Costs*

If a student drops out of marching band for any reason, advance payments for items such as shoes, gloves, and pizza may be refunded to the student's marching band account so long as the items paid for have not already been purchased. For example, if a student pays for shoes and the shoes have not been purchased that money may be refunded into his or her band account.

*It is the AHS Band Boosters and Atlee High School's intent that no student be denied participation in the band program because of an inability to pay program fees. A family who is unable to make the payments may contact the band director in confidence. AHS Boosters will make every effort to work with the family to restructure the payments or schedule and to arrange for participation in additional fund-raising activities in lieu of the payment. A written request is also required and will be treated with the utmost discretion and respect for the privacy of the student and family. All approved payment plans will be agreed upon by the band director and the student's parent(s) in writing. Any discussions of personal finances are kept in the strictest confidence. It is expected that any student and/or parent on a payment plan or receiving financial assistance will participate fully in all fundraising activities. Please feel free to address financial hardships and concerns with Mr. Rozecki.*

If you have questions or concerns about the financial status of your son's or daughter's account, please contact the band booster treasurer, Thom Smith ([Thom.Smith@atleeband.com](mailto:Thom.Smith@atleeband.com)).

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**Policy on Spring Trip and Marching Band Fees**  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, understand the policy on spring trip and marching band fees.

**Parent/Guardian's signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please list preferred parent to e-mail or call regarding payment notification or questions about the student's account.

**Parent's name** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_