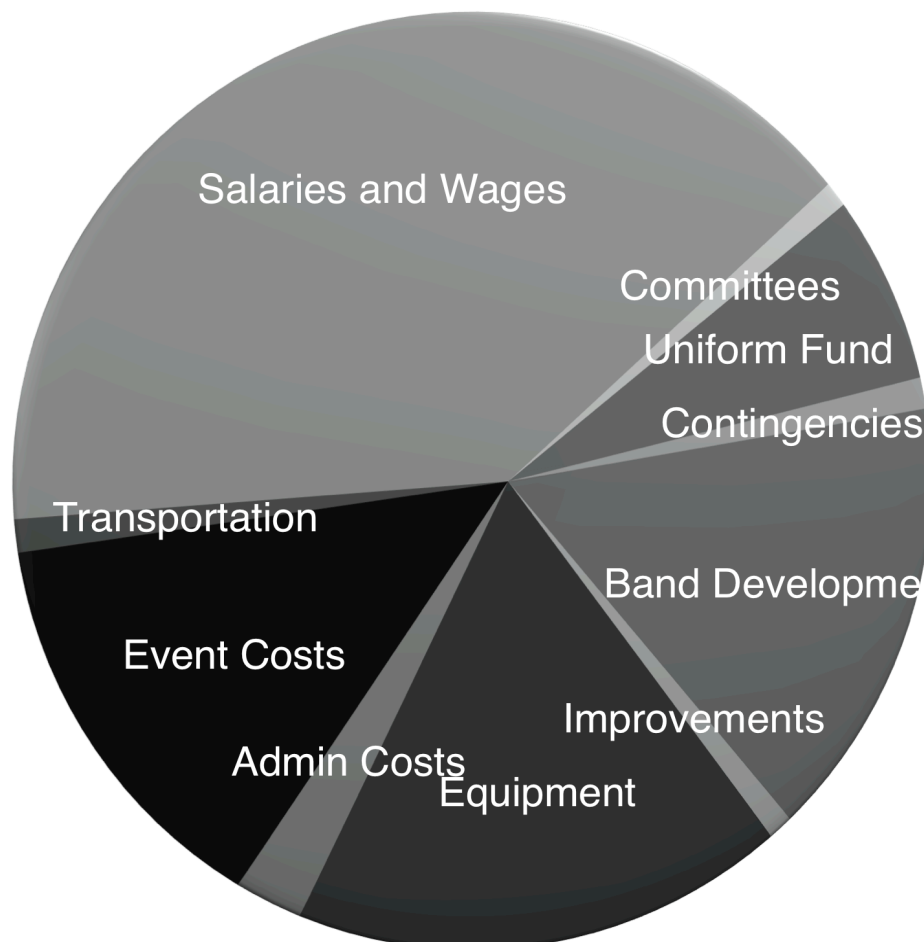


# Why Do We Have Band Fees?

The amount of money the band program receives from Cobb County each year constitutes less than 10% of our annual operating budget, and while that amount does aid in suiting the needs of our program, it does not cover fully the line items necessary to maintain the reputation of excellence that the Hillgrove Band Program strives toward. Each year, a portion of our operating budget comes from fundraising and the remainder comes from the payment of fees by our membership.

Therefore, in order for us to provide your student with the highest level of instruction and materials possible, we ask that each student involved in our activities pay their FAIR SHARE of the expense. The vast majority (86%) of all fee payments go to items that DIRECTLY AFFECT student achievement: Instructor Salaries, Equipment, Band Development, and Event Costs.

The funds available from the payment of this fee are broken down as follows:



## **2011-2012 Band Fees**

**These represent each student's fair share of the cost  
to run a large, successful organization**

### Marching Band

- \$800.00 per student for either Marching Band or Color Guard
- \$200.00 additional fundraising commitment required with opt-out option

### Concert Bands

- \$200.00 per student (2 payments of \$50 per semester)

### Winter Guard

- \$800.00 per student

### Junior Varsity Winter Guard

- \$300.00 per student

### **DON'T LET THIS FRIGHTEN YOU AWAY!!!!**

We have several fee payment schedules/budgeting plans available to  
best suit your budget

In fact – we have several families with multiple children in the band  
AND guard that have made it work for them.

*Think not: "Can we afford for our child to do this?"*

THINK

**"WE CANNOT AFFORD FOR OUR CHILD TO MISS THIS!!!!"**

## Fee Payment Schedule

All participating members of the Hillgrove High School Band Programs are expected to pay the following program fees. The payment schedules are suggested to best offset HBBA cash flow requirements for those expenses not covered by the Cobb County School District. High expense periods occur at the beginning of each season and we must have funds available to meet those needs. If you would like to set up a different payment plan, please contact the Directors or the HBBA Co-Presidents. We will work with you to come up with a plan that fits your budget.

### Marching Band / Color Guard

Total Fees - \$800.00 plus required fundraiser contribution of \$200.00

#### With \$200.00 Fundraiser\*

June 4<sup>th</sup> - \$200.00 Deposit Due  
July 15<sup>th</sup> - \$150.00  
August 15<sup>th</sup> - \$150.00  
September 15<sup>th</sup> - \$150.00  
October 15<sup>th</sup> - \$150.00

Total Paid - \$800.00

#### Fundraiser Opt-Out

June 4<sup>th</sup> - \$200.00 Deposit Due  
July 15<sup>th</sup> - \$200.00  
August 15<sup>th</sup> - \$200.00  
September 15<sup>th</sup> - \$200.00  
October 15<sup>th</sup> - \$200.00

Total Paid - \$1000.00

\*If required fundraiser amount is not met, the balance will be billed to your account.

### Winter Guard

Total Fees - \$800.00

November 1<sup>st</sup> - \$200.00  
December 15<sup>th</sup> - \$150.00  
January 15<sup>th</sup> - \$150.00  
February 15<sup>th</sup> - \$150.00  
March 15<sup>th</sup> - \$150.00

### Junior Varsity Winter Guard

Total Fees - \$300.00

December 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75.00  
January 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75.00  
February 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75.00  
March 1<sup>st</sup> - \$75.00

### Concert Bands (Concert Band, Symphonic Band, or Wind Symphony)

Total Fees - \$200.00

September 1<sup>st</sup> - \$50.00  
November 1<sup>st</sup> - \$50.00  
February 1<sup>st</sup> - \$50.00  
April 1<sup>st</sup> - \$50.00

# Fundraising

HBBA offers a number of fundraising programs that benefit either the HBBA General Fund or apply directly to your student's band fees

- **Annual Fund / March-a-thon**
  - Annual Fund drive begins in the summer and culminates in the fall with the annual March-a-thon
  - 80% of the funds collected on your student's behalf are applied directly to the payment of their band fees
  
- **Lollipops**
  - Sold by the students
  - 70% of the price paid for every lollipop is applied directly to your student's band fees
  
- **Scrip**
  - Earn money toward band fees just by making your regular household purchases by using pre-paid gift cards
  - Same gift cards you would normally purchase from a retailer in your local retail stores, and they work the same way
  - Gift cards you can use at grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, home improvement stores, and almost any business that accepts gift cards
  - The average family can earn at least \$11 a week. That modest number adds up quickly - over \$500 a year for an average family!

# 2011- 2012 HBBA Budget

*Approved April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

- **Administrative Costs** – includes bank fees, website hosting and associated fees, staff apparel, dues, hospitality and gifts, medical and office supplies, photography and audio recording, postage and printing.
- **Band Development** - includes costs associated with the development and production of both the marching band and Winter Guard shows, and staff and leadership training.
- **Equipment** – includes field maintenance, props, electronic equipment, repairs and supplies for all bands, Color Guard and Winter Guard, uniform cleaning, replacement and purchase of uniforms for all bands, Color Guard and Winter Guard.
- **Event** – includes all costs associated with special events such as the Bands of America competitions at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta and at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, AL. Also includes costs of local competition and performance.
- **Salaries and Wages** – includes costs for salaries and wages paid to all marching band technical staff and instructors, Color Guard and Winter Guard instructors, concert bands instructors, and additional camps and clinics.
- **Transportation** – includes costs associated with band transportation such as truck rental and gas or mileage reimbursements.
- **Improvements** – includes costs associated with improvements to the band tower and band trailers.
- **Committees** – includes unreimbursed costs associated with Hospitality and Chaperone Committees.
- **Uniform Fund** – funds set aside and earmarked specifically for the purchase of new uniforms.
- **Contingency Fund** – funds budgeted and set aside for unexpected or emergency expenses.