

East Lake Band Fair Share Responsibility

As disclosed through our regular reporting to the Band Boosters (available on our website at eastlakeband.com), the expenses to run our band program each year have increased due to cost increases and inflation. Per our final budget release in June, expenses to fund this upcoming year are expected to exceed \$190,000. These are expenses which are unfunded by the Pinellas County School Board and must be fully raised by the East Lake Band Boosters. A portion of these funds are raised through family contributions called Fair Share. All student performers participating in the curricular and/or co-curricular activities of marching band (inclusive of color guard), concert band, jazz band, and wind ensemble have a Fair Share responsibility. This contribution amount is determined each year in partnership between the East Lake Band Boosters Executive Board and Mr. Black through a combination of factors which affect our budget and expected income from other sources.

We have not raised our Marching Band/Color guard fair share for at least 3 years. Our board worked diligently to find alternatives and minimize our cost increase. We are only going up by \$25 this year. The 2024-25 Fair Share fees are \$600 per student.

Fair Share spreads financial responsibility for our program equally between members. At \$600 per student, however, Fair Share represents only a portion of the actual costs, with East Lake Band Booster fundraising efforts providing the balance of necessary funds to provide a robust, enriching program. Combined, we can fund experienced, high quality performance development specialists; competition fees; equipment and repairs; music and arrangement; student transportation; student meals; and other key needs and investments. We expect all families, where possible, to support the various fundraising efforts which benefit your student performer.

Due to restrictions regarding 501(c)(3) organizations and non-profit Outside Service Organizations (OSOs), paid Fair Share funds are non-refundable, regardless of reason. If your student performer becomes inactive at any point after fees are paid, those contributions may either remain attached to your student performer's account as a credit toward a future season or considered a direct donation to the East Lake Band Boosters. The East Lake Band Boosters A/R and/or A/P Treasurer will request your choice upon notification of inactivity.

The second page of the Fair Share Responsibility is the form which identifies your Fair Share payment selection. This form must be completed and returned with your student performer's other required forms before band camp. Check payments may be placed in the blue barrel in Mr. Black's office or paid electronically via the link on www.eastlakeband.com. Please include your student's name in the memo/comments of both checks and electronic payment so we can appropriately credit the account.

Please note, we are currently intending to have a performance trip in 2025. We are unable to include trip costs or location at this time; more information will be communicated once we have PCSB approval to do so. This will be a separate fee for those who would like to participate.

Should you have questions, please contact East Lake Band Boosters any time at accounting@eastlakeband.com or president@eastlakeband.com.



Fair Share Responsibility Selection

IMPORTANT: Return this page with your student performer’s required forms.

Payment Option	Selection
1. I will be sending \$600.00 for Fair Share by check with my student no later than August 31, 2024	Yes / No
2. I will be paying \$600.00 for Fair Share via Electronic payment no later than August 31, 2024. (Payment link to go live on the band website 7/1/24)	Yes / No
3. I will be paying Fair Share in 10 equal installments of \$60 (August through May)	Yes / No
4. I will be getting a sponsorships equivalent to \$1200 to offset the 2024/25 Fair share by August 31, 2024.	Yes / No

Print Student Name _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Active Parent/Guardian email address _____