

2009-2010
CHS Bobcat Band Booster Point System

Fundraising and Student Accounts

Central High School marching and concert bands are not funded by Knox County Schools. The school fees paid each year are set by Knox County Schools and do not provide sufficient funds to run the band organization. The Bobcat Band Boosters organization exists to support the band through fundraising and volunteer service. Through fundraising, some of these purchases are made possible that would otherwise not be funded.

Instrument purchases
Instrument repair
Portion of the Instructor fees for private instrument instruction
Band Camp and Season instructors
Periodic Uniform replacement

The point system exists to encourage participation in band fundraisers and meetings. Those who wish to not participate in fundraising may use the “buy-out” option. Fundraising is a vital part of supporting the band. Fundraising points are awarded as an incentive for families to help raise money for band activities and to defer the out of pocket expense for students and their parents. We offer several successful fundraisers throughout the year.

Fall Semester – 25 points required

Spring Semester – 20 points required

The following are opportunities for students/parents/guardians to earn the point required:

Booster Meeting: parent/guardian attendance at a **regular meeting** **1 pt.**
(One point will be given to each student of the family)

Football Concession: parent/guardian works during the **Entire** football game **1 pt.**
(One point will be given to each student of the family)

The following are available to earn points for one student only and have been used as fund-raising events in the past. These may change for the 2009-2010 school year.

Band Festival/winter Guard: one parent/guardian works the **Entire** festival **5 pts**

Program Ads: parent/guardian acquires one business ad for the festival program **5pts**
(You may sell as many ads as you like to earn unlimited points)

Fruit Sales: One points is earned for every \$5 in sales **unlimited points**

Chocolate Bars: One point is earned for every \$5 in sales **unlimited points**

Pancake Breakfast: One point is earned for every \$5 in sales **unlimited points**

Buy-Out Option:

A buy-out option has been set up for those students/parents who choose not to participate in fundraising. The buy-out amount for each student is as follows:

Fall Semester: \$125.00 due by September 1 (after this date \$175.00)

Spring Semester: \$100.00 due by February 1 (after this date \$ 140.00)

(This does not include Knox County School Semester Band Fees, guard fees, shoes, gloves, etc.

This applies strictly to Bobcat Band Booster fundraising. Semester fees are payable to Central High School).

Remember: There is no cap on fundraising. Once you meet the points requirement for the current semester/year, money can be accumulated in a student's account and used for other expenses, including next year's school band fees, instrument reeds, Booster sponsored private instrument instructions, and fees toward a band trip generally held every two years.

- Required semester fundraising points need to be raised by the end of current semester
- The Fundraiser Chairperson is responsible for calculating fundraising points and reporting them to the Vice President for recording in student accounts.
- Once a student has earned the points required for current semester, a student will "bank" money in their student account at a rate of \$1.00 per point for points earned over the required minimum points.
- Money in a student account carried over from the previous year shall first be applied to any unpaid band fees before being used for any other purpose.
- Money in a student's account may be applied to other band sponsored trips, membership fees, competitions, and other events designated by the executive board. Money in student's accounts may only be used for activities and expenses related to and in support of the Central High School Band.
- Students wishing to use funds from their student account for band related expenses should request a form from the Band Director. Students must complete and return the form to the Band Director. **All current Knox county Band Fees must be paid before funds from a student account can be used to pay other expenses.**
- Graduating seniors may transfer funds in their account to a sibling enrolled in band the following year.
- Unused funds in student accounts of graduating seniors (or students who choose to withdraw from the program) and not transferred to siblings, will be given up and recovered by the Band Boosters immediately upon graduation or withdrawal from the program.
- Funds in student accounts cannot be transferred from one student to another (except siblings)

Unearned Points:

If you do not earn the required number of points by the end of each semester, your student's account will be charged at the rate of \$7 per unearned point. Payment for unearned points is due by the END OF THE GIVEN SEMESTER.

Delinquent Accounts:

- Students whose accounts are not in good standing may be excluded from trips.
- The Bobcat Band Boosters reserve the right to turn past due accounts over to legal counsel for collection.

Student Account Disputes

The Budget and Finance Committee of the board in consultation with the Band Director will have the final responsibility for resolving any conflicts regarding a student's account. This includes their account of fundraising points.

Non- Registered Band Students

There are times when a student's class schedule will not allow them to be registered as a band student. These students are welcomed to participate in the band at the discretion of the band director. Since these students will be benefiting from Band Booster funds, they are expected to participate in the fundraising point system just as any other band student is. If they choose not to be involved in fundraising, they will need to buy-out their points at the current rate stated.

Financial Assistance

All students who wish to participate in the Central High School Band program will have an opportunity to do so.

- ❖ Students and parents with financial difficulties will need to complete and turn in the Free and/or Reduced Lunch form, provided by the school
- ❖ *Students who qualify for financial assistance are still required to earn their fundraising points.*
- ❖ Anytime a school band trip is taken, students who qualify for financial assistance will be required to pay for their food and any entertainment costs.

Earning Points Required Example

Mary has 2 children in the band program.

Both children (Carl and Suzie) will be in the band both semesters

Carl and Suzie will each need 25 points in the fall semester and 20 points in the spring semester.

- Mary works the concession stand for 3 football games
(3 points for each Carl and Suzie)
- Carl and Suzie **each** sell 3 boxes of fruit (avg. selling price each box \$30)
(18 points each for Carl and Suzie)
- Mary attends 4 regular Booster Meetings during the fall semester
(4 points for each Suzie and Carl)

Fall Semester Totals: Carl and Suzie each have earned 25 points and meets the fall semester point requirement.

- Carl sell 1 box of chocolate bars while Suzie sells 3 boxes (selling price each box \$50) (10 points for Carl and 30 points for Suzie)
- Carl sells 4 pancake breakfast tickets (selling price for each ticket \$5)
(4 points for Carl)
- Mary attends 2 regular Booster meeting during the spring semester.
(2 points for Carl and Suzie)

Spring Semester Total:

Carl has earned 16 points and will need to buy-out 4 points at \$7 per point. He will owe \$28, payable at the end of the spring semester.

Suzie has earned 32 points. This is 12 points over the required 20 points. For each extra point earned, she will have one dollar deposited to her booster student account. \$12 will be added to her account for the spring semester.