



2017-2018 Annandale High School Band and Ensemble Fees

FCPS and the Annandale Bands will not charge students a fee for any mandatory aspect of the Annandale Band program except for musical instrument and course material fees of which are permitted by the Virginia Department of Education regulations. Schools cannot require a student to pay fees for course materials in excess of the amount approved by the FCPS School Board in Notice 5922.

The following is a description of the Annandale High School Bands course material fees and FCPS-sponsored optional activity fees for participation in the music program for the upcoming season.

FCPS Required Fees	Amount	Who pays this fee?	This pays for...
Band Course Materials Fee Due September 29, 2017	\$30	EVERYONE	This fee covers <u>consumable</u> items/expenses for the bands/ensembles throughout the school year. Some examples of these items include uniform, uniform accessories/maintenance, practice software subscriptions, instrument accessories, music, food for instructional trips, etc. Remaining collected fees will be allocated to a uniform replacement fund.
Marching Band Course Materials Fee Due by August 7, 2017	\$100	Marching Band members only	This fee covers <u>consumable</u> items/expenses for the marching band season. Examples of these items include band t-shirt, drill book, uniform, uniform accessories/maintenance, instrument accessories, etc. Remaining collected fees will be allocated to a uniform replacement fund.

These fees may be waived or reduced for students eligible for the federal Free and Reduced-Meals Program. In order to request this waiver, students must submit the FCPS "Consent to Share Information for Benefits for Other Programs" form. Eligibility is then confirmed or denied by the Director of Student Services.

FCPS Sponsored Optional Activity Fee

This is a fee that students are expected to pay if they choose to participate in any activities/trips associated with the Annandale Band. This fee is determined and assessed based on the estimated cost of the trip/activity – including such costs as transportation, accommodation, registration, food, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Examples of trips/activities would include the Marching Band Away Retreat, the Spring Band Trip and Marching Band Assessments not already fully funded by FCPS.

Students who do not pay the fees associated with a trip/activity will be ineligible to perform/participate in the trip/activity.

Optional Activity	Amount	Due Date
Marching Band Away Retreat	\$285	\$100 deposit due by June 22 balance due by August 7
Spring Trip (March or April)*	To Be Determined (~\$450-700)	Initial deposit will be in November with subsequent payments to follow

* Spring travel does not occur every year and is not planned for the 2017-18 school year at time of printing.

Musical Instrument Rental Fee: This required fee only applies to students who play school-owned instruments and covers maintenance costs of those school-owned instruments. Students who are verified to be on free/reduced meal plans are to pay \$20.

Instrument Rental Fee	Amount	Due Date
Woodwinds and Brass	\$46/semester; \$92/full year	9/29/17
Marching Percussion	\$30/season	8/11/17
Concert Percussion	\$30/semester; \$60 full year	9/29/17
These fees must be submitted with a rental contract.		

Marching Band Accessories: Certain uniform accessory items have to be purchased separately by the students as needed. Examples of these items include marching shoes, replacement gloves, replacement t-shirts, etc. These items are required and can be purchased at cost from the **Annandale High School Band Booster Association**.

Concert Uniform Accessories: Certain uniform accessory items have to be purchased separately by the students as needed. While certain concert uniform components are included (Dress, jacket/trousers), students are responsible for purchasing and maintaining their tuxedo shirt (including stud buttons), bow tie, and black dress shoes.

Individual Performance Events: There are opportunities throughout the school year for individual students to choose to audition and/or participate in other bands. Examples include the Senior Regional Orchestra, All-District or All-State Concert or Jazz Bands, and the Solo and Ensemble Festival. Audition or participation fees are often assessed for these opportunities by the sponsoring organization. The Annandale Band does not establish such fees, but the Annandale Band often assists in the collection of these fees from individuals who elect to participate and the submission of one group payment to the respective sponsoring organization. These fees are communicated at the time other information about these opportunities is communicated.

Payment Policies

Credit Card

- Credit card payments can be made through the FCPS Charms website. The directions to pay online can be found in the “forms” section of the band website: www.annandalebands.org

Check

- Payments can be made out to **Annandale High School**. Please include the student’s name and fee being paid in the memo line of the check.
- Payments made by check should be placed in the FCPS lockbox within the band room (outside the Band Office – 333C).

Cash

- Please put the money in a sealed envelope and write the first and last name of the student and the name of the fee being paid (ex. Jane Doe, Marching Band fee) and take the envelope to the front office of the school. The Annandale High School staff responsible for collecting such cash payments will give you a receipt to acknowledge the cash payment. **NO CASH PAYMENTS SHOULD BE DEPOSITED INTO THE LOCKBOX IN THE BAND ROOM.**

Refunds: Typically fees paid are non-refundable once commitments and purchases have been made. These refund policies will be communicated separately as they relate to individual activities.

Financial Assistance is available for those in need of such assistance. Requests for financial assistance should be made directly to the Band Director prior to the due date for the related fee.