

2023-24 Suggested Donation Information

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Instrumental Music Program Fullerton Union HS Troy Trimble, Director

This information is taken directly from the yearly program handbook and is to help clarify any questions parents may have about what is asked of them and their student each year they are involved in the Instrumental Music Program.

Yearly Program Donations:

Marching Band:

- **\$250.** This donation supports expenses including yearly t-shirts, uniform cleanings and alterations, instructor fees, marching band show music and drill design, equipment purchases (Color Guard costumes and silks, various field show items, etc.) and competition entry fees. Due at the beginning of band camp.

Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble:

- **\$50.** This donation supports expenses including festival entry fees, instrument repair/replacement, guest conductor and clinician work, individual t-shirts, and more. If you are also involved with Marching Band, families do not need to double or triple their donations for the year by contributing an additional \$50 for these groups, only the \$250 for Marching Band.

Winter Guard and Percussion Ensemble:

- **\$250.** This amount may vary depending upon instrumentation, student involvement, show design, etc. Once students have auditioned for these groups, the yearly amount will be discussed at the parent meeting. This donation supports expenses such as competition fees, equipment purchases, instructor fees, and costumes. A due date for each ensemble will be announced. Suggested donations for these groups are entirely separate from Marching Band in the fall as well as for the year-long Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble groups.

All checks are made payable to: FUHS IMBC.

Students will not be denied access to or involvement in the ensemble by inability to pay part or all of the donation however we do expect each student and their family to contribute what they can. Parents with more than one child in the ensemble need only pay one contribution amount for both/all students.

Other Required Items/Potential Expenses:

FUHS has a limited inventory of instruments available for students to use throughout the year. All percussion instruments as well as most other large wind instruments can be expected to be provided for student use. Students who wish to be able to take instruments home (with the exception of percussion) need to fill out an instrument use form and are responsible for daily upkeep of the instruments.

- **Each Marching Band and Color Guard student** must purchase their own pair of marching shoes as part of their uniform. The Marching Band uses the black “Dinkle Glide” shoes available for purchase at www.marchingworld.com for about \$30. Please be sure to purchase the black matte shoe, not the black glossy dress shoe! For families that find this expense to be not within their means, we have a small collection of used shoes that can be loaned out for the year. Quantities and sizes are limited. All band students must have their own pair of black, crew length socks to wear with their Dinkles as part of their uniform. Color Guard: you are also required to purchase your own shoes. Please see your instructor for specific shoes for the season. Please see below “Color Guard members”.
- **Brass players** are encouraged to purchase their own mouthpiece for the duration of their time at FUHS. Jazz, Concert Band, as well as Marching Band all lend themselves to different types of mouthpieces. The school has only a small inventory of quality mouthpieces. Please see Mr. Trimble for suggestions on mouthpieces to purchase.
- **Woodwind players** (Jazz Band, Marching Band, Concert Band) are required to purchase their own reeds for use throughout the year. Prices vary for different reed manufacturers and sellers. Mr. Trimble keeps a small inventory of reeds for emergency sale if needed. Obtaining your own mouthpiece is highly recommended as well. The school currently does not have an adequate inventory of high quality mouthpieces. Please see Mr. Trimble for suggestions on mouthpieces to purchase.

- **Color Guard members** may be asked to purchase their own jazz shoes, and you may also be asked to purchase your own rifle or other equipment. See your instructor in regards to specific model and ordering instructions. Buy items as a freshman and have them all four years! All members must also provide their own flag/rifle tape for use throughout the year. Color Guard: students will be issued their own personal uniform for the field show as each year's show is unique and requires unique visual elements. Color Guard students are expected to pay for their own "warm-ups" (jacket, pants, and bag) in their first year of guard to be used each year. The amount for the one-time purchase of the warm-ups is \$75. In addition, all guard students must purchase shoes for themselves: Nude color StylePlus "Balance" shoes can be purchased online for \$28.
- **Percussionists** are encouraged to furnish their own mallets and/or sticks for use during marching season and Winter Drumline depending on their instrument. For Concert Band, ALL PERCUSSIONISTS are suggested to have their own personal stick "gig" bag (a typical pack includes a pair of drum sticks, a pair of keyboard mallets, a pair of brushes, and a pair of timpani mallets). Adequate packs are available for purchase for about \$60 at your local music store or at online music stores such as www.musicarts.com or www.wwbw.com. Percussionists in Concert Band learn to play all of the instruments available to them and will be tested on the various instruments in the percussion section. Part of the band budget goes to purchasing a basic inventory of mallets, as well as bass drum and tenor sticks, but all students must purchase for their own use. Please see the percussion instructor and Mr. Trimble for information regarding specifications. All percussionists are highly encouraged to purchase their own individual practice pad as well. The school only has a limited amount for use during the day and cannot be taken home.
- **Students in Jazz and Concert Band** will be given rehearsal folders to hold music during rehearsals. **Students in Marching Band** will be given a flip folder and lyre for use during the season to help with pep tunes as well.