

FAIR SHARE PROGRAM

What is FAIR SHARE?

Fair share is every student's financial responsibility to the band program. Each year, Knox County Schools gives our band program between \$500 and \$1,000 to offset operational costs. Our annual operating budget is now exceeding \$80,000. As you can see, there is quite a deficit. It takes an incredible amount of money to run this program. Therefore, every student has the responsibility to produce his/her "fair share" amount of this deficit. Every student's fair share is \$200.00. Notice, we did not say each student has to PAY fair share.

What are my options in producing my fair share?

Every student has the option of paying his/her fair share. Some students choose not to participate in fund-raising activities and would rather just pay their fair-share. That's fine! In fact, if you pay your fair share in full before September 1, you get a \$25 discount. If you choose to raise your fair share, there are many options available throughout the season to take care of this.

What are these options you speak of?

The Band Booster Program is in charge of running numerous fund-raisers throughout the year. With every fund-raiser, the student receives the profit amount from each sale. This money goes into their booster account. This money accrues in their account until fair share is raised. Any money beyond fair share is left in the account to pay for trips or can carry over to next year.

What fund-raisers are typically planned for the year?

We have a standard set of fund-raisers that are planned to help students. Here's what's might coming up this year:

The Ultimate Carter Car Wash	August
Classic Cookie Dough Sale	Early August
Annual Fruit Sale	Early December
Holiday Band Auction	Early December

What if you have more than one child in the band?

If you have more than one child in the band there is a multiple-student discount. Please contact Amy Sherrod, Booster Treasurer, for more information on this discount. And, yes, the early payment option still applies.

What happens to money that is in the account at the end of the year?

The remaining amount in each student's account at the end of each year will be carried over to next year's account. In the event that a student is a senior, or is not returning to band, this money can be given to an immediate sibling in the program or it will go into the general fund. Students may not have a refund of the overage.

How else can money in my student's account be used?

These accounts are also the ones that are used for band trips. Any monies for trips is applied to this account. Any overage may be used as costs for band trips or for end-of-the-year events, such as the band banquet. **REMEMBER, ALL FAIR SHARE MUST BE PAID IN FULL BEFORE A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A BAND TRIP!**

Thank you for all you do to support the Carter High School Band Program !!!