

2025-2026 Thompson High School Band Fee and Participation Agreement

The THS Band performs at the highest levels in both concert and marching venues, promotes the growth of the band program and each individual student, as well as represents the Alabaster School System throughout the state and nation. The Band's annual operating budget exceeds \$150,000.00 each year. This budget includes but is not limited to: instructors, clinicians, music literature, drill and choreography, transportation, food, uniforms, and instrument purchases and repairs. These operating funds are primarily collected through annual fees from each student. The annual budget does not include special trips as selected by the directors. Special trips have their own budget with funds primarily collected from each participating student. There will be opportunities to participate in fundraisers to assist with fees and trip expenses.

The 2nd way the band is funded is through home football game concessions (TMS, Freshmen, JV, and Varsity). Given this we must have every band student represented by adults (18 and older) in the concession stands at games. Each family **MUST** work one game during the weekday evening game (TMS, Freshman, JV) and one Friday evening Varsity game, OR two Varsity games.

We need YOU to help make our concessions fundraiser possible! This is how we keep band fees LOW!!

Concessions will be requested/scheduled via Sign-up Genius and will be tracked by a sign-in sheet at games.

2025-2026 Band Fees

Fees must be paid in full no later than Sept 15, 2025 and can be paid online at MySchoolBucks. Fee installments are due per the schedule below and remaining balances may be paid in full prior to the final payment date.

Check the Applicable Student Band Participation Level and Instrument Ownership Box Below

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| ☐ Marching & Concert - School-Owned | \$700.00 (\$140/ month ...2025 Due: May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15, Sept 15) |
| ☐ Marching & Concert - Self-Owned | \$600.00 (\$120/ month ...2025 Due: May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15, Sept 15) |
| ☐ Concert only - School-Owned | \$500.00 (\$100/ month ...2025 Due: May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15, Sept 15) |
| ☐ Concert only - Self-Owned | \$400.00 (\$80/ month ...2025 Due: May 15, June 15, July 15, August 15, Sept 15) |
| ☐ Visual Ensemble | \$400.00 (To be collected by VE sponsor once Visual Ensemble selection is made) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>This amount covers shared costs: instructors, transportation, food etc.</i><i>If you are participating in VE and a concert ensemble, please select this option.</i> | |

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It is critical that every student pay all of their required fees on time and turn in this form!

Refusal/omission to sign this form does not relieve you of the financial responsibility; participation in band signifies concurrence with this participation agreement. If a student has any hardship that would require a deviation from this payment schedule a parent /guardian must contact Mr. Graham Bennett by May 16, 2025 to discuss the situation and make formal payment arrangements. All band fees must be paid In full by Sept 15, 2025, unless otherwise arranged with Mr. Bennett. Return signed form by May 22, 2025.

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Student Name (Print)	Student Instrument/Section	Student Grade Level (2025 -26 School Year)
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Parent Signature	Parent Name (Print)	Date (MM/ DD/YYYY)
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Parent Email	Parent Phone Number	