

Dear Parents,

We are so excited that your child has chosen to participate in the JL Long Buc Band next year during the 2017-2018 school year! We have many wonderful activities planned for the Band and we wanted to give you a quick overview!

Instrument Fittings, April 8th, 2016 9:00am-4:30pm

This is a process that band directors across the state use to ensure your child gets the best, most encouraging start on their instrument. They will go home with a “choice” sheet with the top three choices selected by your child and the director. Final assignments will be emailed out over the summer, so please make sure you fill out all the information requested on the form.

Please note that there will be a (1) DISD fee for instrument rental and a (2) Buc Band fee to cover band supplies throughout the year. **All students who pay their fees before the start of the 2017 summer will receive 1st consideration on their top instrument choice. This is to ensure that each student who pays for an instrument rental receives not only the instrument of their choice, but a quality one. Any correspondence setting up payment plans will be considered a “paid” account. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

(1) “School-Owned” Instrument Policy

DISD requires that all students who use school-owned instruments pay an annual maintenance fee of **\$25.00**. This fee is intended to help offset a portion of the normal repair and upkeep cost of these expensive instruments. Any damage to an instrument outside of the realm of “normal wear and tear” (as determined by a director) will be the financial responsibility of the student. Students are still expected to maintain their instruments routinely as taught in class. **Only MONEY ORDERS OR CASH for this fee are accepted.** All of the DISD fees are non-refundable

(2) Buc Band Supply Fee

There will **also** be a one-time Band Supply Fee of **\$40.00** to cover your student’s band t-shirt, instrument accessories and cleaning fees, as well as additional music supplies required throughout the year. Please note this fee does not include any funds that may be needed for field trips or special events that may come up during the year. Again, no student will be prohibited from playing an instrument simply because they are unable to pay this fee. Contact a band director if you need assistance. We can accept payment for the Buc Band Supply Fee in the form of cash, check, money order, or credit cards.

We have become a big, happy family and I would like to encourage you to get involved! Our program is a growing organization and we need all the parent help and support we can get! Please email me if you are available to help with anything in the coming school year from chaperoning, to fundraising, to helping with small errands. Any little bit helps!

Sincerely,

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