

2024 Harrison Marching Band



About the Harrison Marching Band

The Harrison Marching Band, which includes the Color Guard, begins rehearsing in the summer (July 15, 2024) and continues through the football season. ***This is an extra-curricular group which practices and performs outside of the school day.*** Performances include all home and away football games, pep rallies, select local parades, local competitions and exhibitions, and several BOA competitions. This ensemble is unquestionably the most visible performance group in high school.



The Harrison Marching Band has performed in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, most recently in 2016, as well as Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom, at Universal Studios in Orlando, the Marietta Veterans' Day Parade, and the Big Shanty Parade in Kennesaw.



The Harrison Marching Band competes in Music for All's Bands of America (BOA) marching band championships. Competitions include Regional and Grand National Championships. The Harrison Marching Band is a consistent BOA Regional Champion, has competed in BOA Grand Nationals four times, and has competed in finals multiple times. In 2013 and 2015, Harrison was the BOA Class AAA Grand National Champions.



In 2024, the Harrison Marching Band plans to compete in the BOA Regional Competition in Chattanooga, Tennessee (October 5th) and the BOA Regional Competition in Orlando, Florida (October 26th) as well as a local competition.



Secondary students who participated in a music group at school reported the lowest lifetime and current use of all substances (tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs).

-VH1: Save the Music. "The Benefits of Music Education."

U.S. Department of Education data on more than 25,000 secondary school students found that students who report consistent high levels of involvement in instrumental music over the middle and high school years show "significantly higher levels" of mathematics proficiency by grade 12.

-U.S. Department of Education NELL88 Database

Music education improved average SAT scores.

-Arts Education Partnership, 2011

Students at schools with excellent music programs had higher English test scores across the country than students in schools with low-quality music programs; this was also true when considering mathematics.

-Journal for Research in Music Education, June 2007

Music education sharpens student attentiveness.

-Arts Education Partnership, 2011

Music education equips students to be creative, have better study habits and self-esteem.

-Arts Education Partnership, 2011



Harrison Band students' statistics for 2021-2022:

98% of band students enroll in Honors courses

60% of band students enroll in AP courses

98% of band students have a 3.0 GPA or higher

90% of band students have a 3.5 GPA or higher

50% of band students have a 4.0 GPA or higher

Our students take an average of 7 honors courses and 6 AP courses while in high school.

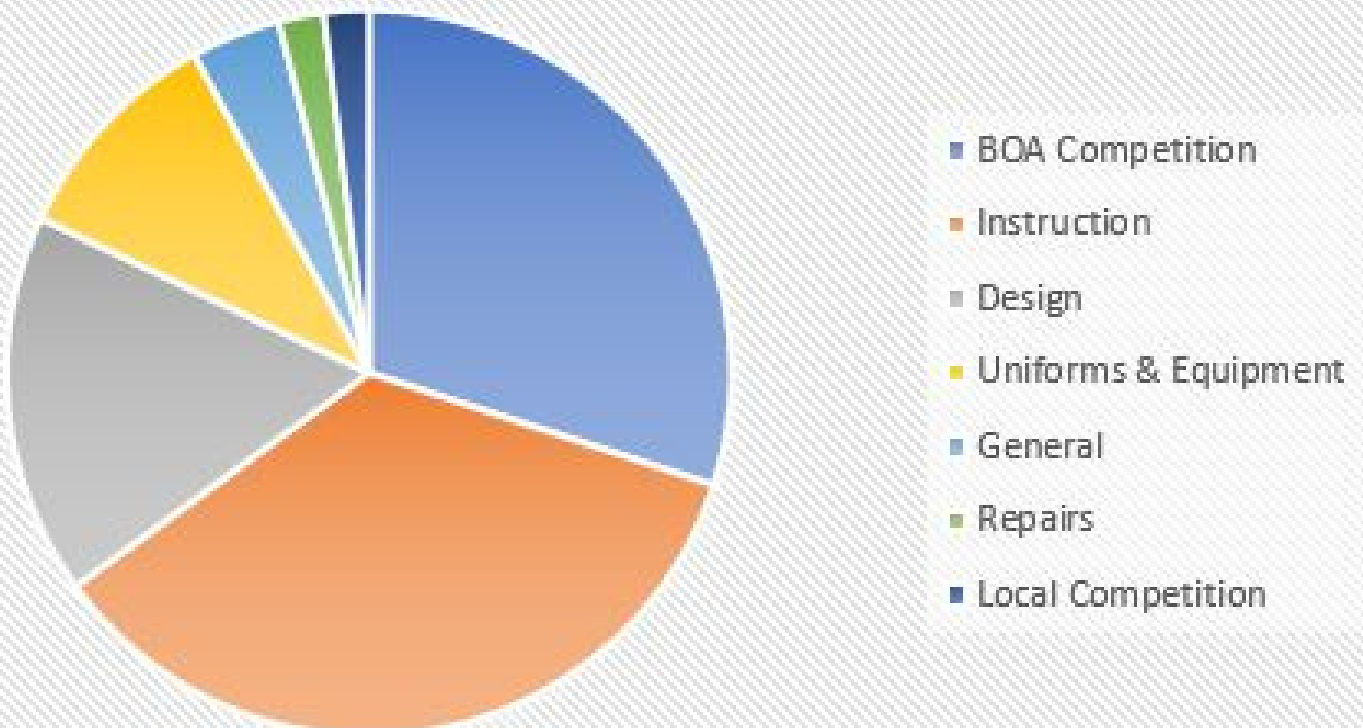
Did you know?



What do the marching fees cover?



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The Harrison Band Boosters offer many opportunities for families to pay fees via proceeds from fundraising. The following is a list of planned and potential fundraisers where the proceeds would be applied to individual band fees:

How can I pay for this?

BANDtober Calendar fundraiser - This **required marching band fundraiser** asks people to sponsor each day in October (our competition season) and pay for the day they sponsor. October 15th = \$15. **The first \$200 goes to the band and is required for all students.** The remainder of the proceeds (\$296 if you fill the calendar!) will be applied to your student's individual band account.

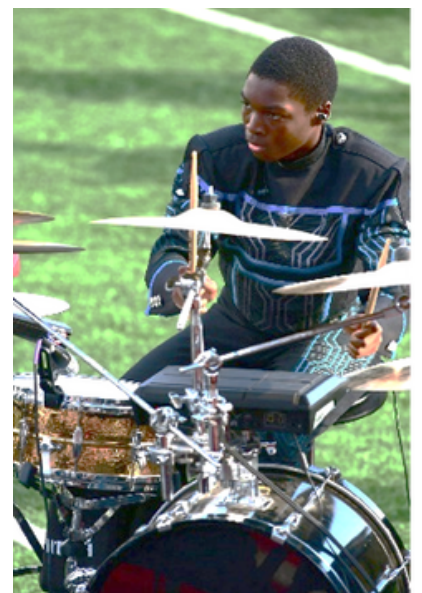


Corporate Sponsorships - Own a business? Know someone who owns a business? Corporate sponsorships provide advertising for the sponsor. 50% of all corporate sponsorship money collected will be applied to your student's band fees. Get a sponsorship for \$1,000 and \$500 will be applied to your student's band fees. (Year Round)



RaiseRight - Opportunity to purchase gift cards from local and national retailers where a percentage of each purchase is applied to your student's band fees. This adds up quickly! (Year Round)

Zeigler's Boston Butts - Another easy money opportunity. We sell Boston Butts in time for Super Bowl and graduation parties. They sell for around \$50 each, averaging 4-6 lbs. Approximately \$20-\$25 per butt (dependent on market pricing) will be applied to your student's band account. Sell 5 butts, earn \$100+!



Plant Sales - Who doesn't like pretty flowers in the spring and fall? A portion of all sales will be applied to your student's band fees. (Fall and Spring)

Additional Fundraising Opportunities coming soon. We are always looking for ways to help you pay your band fees!

What is the cost of 2024 Harrison Marching Band?



Fees for the 2024 Harrison Marching Band are \$1,975.00. But don't let that worry you. You can fundraise through the many fundraisers that we offer through the Booster Club as mentioned on the previous page. We have some families who fundraise the entirety of their fees.

Additional costs for wind and percussion students include Marching Band required wear (i.e. shorts, shirts, jackets, shoes, polo, and gloves). Additional costs for Color Guard students include required wear (i.e. polo, jacket, shoes, warmup), guard bag, and makeup.

Payment schedule for the \$1,975.00 fees:

- April 15, 2024 - \$300 - non-refundable commitment fee of \$250 and \$50 uniform fee
- May 15, 2024 - \$300
- June 15, 2024 - \$300
- July 15, 2024 - \$300
- August 15, 2024 - \$300
- September 15, 2024 - \$300
- October 15, 2024 - \$175

If you need a different payment schedule, contact the booster presidents at presidents@harrisonbands.org and the Band Directors at josh@harrisonbands.org and jonathan@harrisonbands.org prior to the beginning of the season.

We accept payments for fees in various ways. You can use your bank's online banking system and have a check mailed to us, you can pay using your bank or credit card via PayPal (with a \$5 convenience fee), and, of course, we accept payment via check.

Make sure you include the student's name and the purpose of the payment. All checks should be made payable to HHBB (Harrison High Band Boosters) and can be placed in the drop box in the band room, or mailed to:

Harrison High Band Boosters
P.O. Box 801017
Acworth, GA 30101

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Commitment includes: **Commitment Form**

- Fees of \$1,975.00
- Members of the Harrison Marching Band commit to: **full participation in band camp, all regular season marching activities and Harrison football games, mini-camps, competitions and Bands of America events.**
- Eligibility for competitive drill assignments is based on **attendance at all practices, events and skill ability in performance.**
- Wind and percussion students must be enrolled in a Harrison performance ensemble class to be eligible to march.
- Families commit to volunteer for a minimum of two events.
- **Required fundraiser-** Must participate in BANDtober Calendar fundraiser, raising a minimum amount of \$200 or you will be billed the difference.

Reserve your spot today by submitting the **first payment of \$300** which includes the \$250 commitment fee and \$50 uniform use fee no later than April 15, 2024. This serves as your non-refundable deposit and guarantees a place with the 2024 Harrison Marching Band!

*Accepting a role in the Marching Band is a binding acknowledgment accepting financial responsibility for the services received as a participant. The service one receives is paid for via fees and fundraising.

Grade (Fall 2024) _____ Name _____

Current school _____ Male _____ Female _____ Subdivision _____

Marching Instrument _____ Concert Instrument _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Student Cell: _____

Student email- print clearly- _____

Please circle: Shirt size (ADULT) S M L XL XXL

Shorts size (ADULT) S M L XL XXL

Mom's Name _____ Cell _____

Dad's Name _____ Cell _____

Mom Email (print) _____

Dad Email (print) _____

Parent Signature _____

Student Signature _____