

# An Overview for Eckstein Wind Ensemble “F”

Here’s a look at an average year-in-the-life for a **Wind Ensemble** student at Eckstein Middle School. Please note: children will need to increase their level of practicing and playing time, and commit to events while performing music at the highest level. Not only will they play at performances and travel to festivals, there will also be associated costs. Families will be asked to support their student’s activities through positive reinforcement, volunteering, fundraising and pay for travel, food and overnight costs.

As a member of the senior concert band at Eckstein, students may miss school work and tests to attend performances, they will need to make these up and keep their school work current and in good standing. Your child will also be a role model to other students in the program and must possess exemplary behavior.

There may be opportunities for your child to play in additional Chamber Groups such as Flute Ensemble, French Horn Ensemble, Bassoon Ensemble, Oboe Ensemble and Trombone Ensemble.

All band families and parents are highly encouraged to participate in bake sales, fundraising and volunteering to help make the year a success for their students. Throughout the year, parents may be asked to carpool to local events that come up.

**For more info on getting involved, please visit:**

<http://eckstein-band.ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/>

## **Sample Calendar of Annual Wind Ensemble Events and Estimated Costs:**

### **Annual Events**

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| • <b>Veteran's Day Assembly</b>                                   | No Cost       |
| • <b>Winter All-Bands Concert:</b> December                       | No Cost       |
| • <b>PNW Band Festival MLK:</b> University of Washington          | No Cost       |
| • <b>SSD Concert Band Festival:</b> March                         | No Cost       |
| • <b>Spring Concert:</b> Late May/early June                      | No Cost       |
| • <b>UW MLK:</b> University of Washington                         | No Cost       |
| • <b>Folklife Festival:</b> last Friday in May                    | (lunch extra) |
| • <b>Silverwood Band Festival:</b> Late May (2 nights bus travel) | <b>\$250</b>  |
| • <b>Eckstein 8th Grade Graduation:</b>                           | No Cost       |

### **Total Annual Estimated Costs for Wind Ensemble Families**

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| • <b>*Enrichment Fee to Eckstein Band:</b>                           | <b>\$50</b>      |
| • <b>Concert attire:</b>   | <b>\$ Varies</b> |
| • <b>One Overnight Silverwood:</b> (chaperones are extra)            | <b>\$250</b>     |
| • <b>Bus transportation to local events:</b> (some carpools as well) | <b>\$20</b>      |

### **Optional Events and Fundraising**

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| • <b>Donations to Supplement Instruments:</b>                               | TBD         |
| • <b>Solo &amp; Ensemble:</b> per slot + payment to accompanist (if needed) | <b>\$20</b> |
| • <b>Raffle basket, baked goods and other donations:</b>                    | TBD         |
| • <b>TeacherGift:</b>   | TBD         |

\* Annual Enrichment Fees may be paid by check to the Eckstein Band account. Scholarships are available by speaking with Mr. E.

\*\* Donations above the \$50 fee should be made payable to “AFE – Account #13415 Eckstein Middle School Band.”