

Dear Band/Vocal Families,

The Band program endeavors to do various forms of fundraising each year to partially cover trips, performances fees, etc. However, the funds raised from our bake sales, basket raffles, t-shirt sales and paid gigs, barely balance our budget. Aside from some funding from the Eckstein Annual Campaign (EAC), no other monies have been available for instrument purchases. Thus we are requesting a Band Enrichment Fee of \$70 per student per year. This is similar to other arts programs, including Orchestra and Drama, which assess fees to cover expenses. This fee helps cover expenses such as:

- New instruments
- Sheet music
- Instrument repair
- Local festival fees
- Sound equipment
- Office supplies
- Student awards and recognition
- Assemblies
- Substitute teachers (during band trips)

It is my philosophy that any student who wishes to play, will have an instrument. A comprehensive program of this caliber does not flourish without full instrumentation. And, while many families provide their own instruments, there are many who use school instruments, particularly large ones such as string bass, baritone saxophone, French horns, and tubas. Part of the Band Enrichment Fee will be allocated toward building and maintaining an instrument inventory.

Your support of the Eckstein Band and Vocal program is needed and greatly appreciated. We strive to get a response from every family with full or partial payment or note of intent. Please help us toward our goal of full participation!

Mr. Escobedo, Director of Bands

Please return this form along with your payment made out to “*Eckstein Band*” to the secured Mailbox in the Band Room.

Provide your e-mail/s so we may add your contact to our Friends of Eckstein bands e-list. You will not receive spam and we do not share this information.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Email: _____
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 Student Name/s: _____ Band: _____
 _____ Band: _____

- I have attached \$70 for each band or vocal student’s fee.
- I have included an additional amount of \$_____ for band operating expenses.
- I can pay \$_____ at this time.
- I am not able to pay the fee.

If you have any questions, please contact Moc Escobedo at cuescobedo@seattleschools.org. For more information about the band program, to sign up for the band e-group or find out how you might volunteer, visit the Eckstein Band Website at <http://ecksteinms.seattleschools.org/> Select “Student Activities” and scroll to “Eckstein Band”.

Thank you for your support of the Eckstein Band and Vocal Programs!