



## Financial Assistance Policy

The Fossil Ridge High School Band program understands that families may come upon times of financial hardship. We would like to have every interested child be able to participate in extracurricular band activities. The reality is that these activities do require funds in order to operate, and these funds are not provided by the school district. In order to strike a balance between enabling as many students as possible to participate and being able to meet the band's financial obligations, the following policies are in effect for the Fossil Ridge High School Band:

1. **Free or Reduced Lunch Eligibility.** Any family on a free or reduced lunch program shall have the first \$75 of their "participation fee" waived for that school year. (This applies only to the participation fee, not to any other extracurricular band activities.) Notification of this status must be made in writing to Mr. Allen and confirmed by Fossil Ridge High School.
2. **Payment Extension.** A one-week extension of a payment due date may be granted if the request is made – in writing and in advance – to Mr. Allen.
3. **Delayed Payment Schedule.** Families may negotiate a delayed payment schedule if they are unable to meet the published payment due dates, subject to the following rules:
  - a. The delayed payment arrangement is subject to the approval of the Band Director.
  - b. The delayed payment arrangement must be documented in writing on the "Payment Plan" form available online, and signed by a legal adult family member and the Band Director.
  - c. The arrangement must be made in advance of the payment due date.
  - d. The family must participate in at least one (1) fundraising opportunity that generates student account credit.
  - e. Students cannot sign up for additional extracurricular band activities until their student account is in good standing (has no outstanding balance due).
4. **Financial Assistance.** Financial assistance may be available at the discretion of the Band Director. Availability of assistance depends on the current FRHS Band Booster Association financial position. Families may request financial assistance from the Band Director, subject to the following rules:
  - a. The decision by the Band Director regarding whether (and how much) to extend assistance is final. There is no appeal process.
  - b. Requests for assistance must be submitted in writing using the "Payment Plan" form online to the Band Director, and must describe the financial hardship situation.
  - c. An assistance agreement shall be documented in writing, and signed by a legal adult family member and the Band Director.
  - d. Unless otherwise documented in the Financial Assistance Agreement, the FRHS Boosters will match student account contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Funds received both through cash payments and fundraisers are eligible for matching.
  - e. The family must participate in at least two (2) fundraising opportunities that generate student account credit.