

Lawton Chiles Middle School Band Dues 2025-2026

School funding for our band program is limited and operating the band program is an expensive venture. Students are asked to contribute "Band Dues" to help keep our Lawton Chiles Middle School Band program successful and running. If you have any financial concerns, please contact your band director. We want every student to have an opportunity to participate in band and are able to work with any families who have concerns.

Concert/Advanced/Symphonic Band: Band Dues are \$50 for the entire year. For families with more than one child in these classes, please accept a discount (\$90 for two children.)

Jazz Band: Band dues are an additional \$25 to help cover the costs unique to that class (extra transportation costs, music, and assessment fees.)

Beginning Band: Band dues are \$30. This helps to cover the cost of your method book, class music for the entire year, and clinician help. For families with more than one child in this class, please accept a discount (\$50 for two children in beginning band.)

*If you have one child in beginning band and one child in concert/symphonic band, please accept a discount (\$70 for two children.)

To help you understand how this money will be utilized, below is a list of estimated expenditures for the coming school year.

Expected Band Expenditures for the 2025-2026 School Year

Item	Yearly Cost
Clinicians (assistant music teachers for specific instruments)	~\$15,000
Instrument Purchases	~\$20,000
New Sheet Music	~\$3,500
FMEA/FBA/MPA Assessment Fees	~\$3,000
Instrument Repair	~\$5,000
Operating Expenditures and Supplies	~\$2,500
Instrument Accessories	~\$1,000
Classroom Equipment	~\$1,000
Transportation	~\$5,000
Substitute Teacher Costs (for performance trips off campus during the school day)	~\$800
Total Estimated Expenditures	over \$50,000

The Band Dues include the beginning band method books.

If you have <u>any</u> financial concerns, please email Mrs. Kuperman at Grace_Kuperman@scps.k12.fl.us or Mrs. Autrey at autreybz@scps.k12.fl.us. We want every student to have the opportunity to participate in band!