

Westlake Band Parents 2024 PATRON PROGRAM

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

The WHS Chap Band is recognized as one of THE top high school band programs in the nation

- **Top Concert Band in U.S. 2021 & 2022** (elite Midwest Clinic invitations, special performance invitations)
- **U.I.L. “1” ratings for 30+ years** (ALL concert, marching, and jazz bands *consistently* receive highest ratings)
- **Top tier 6A marching band** (2023 state & BOA San Antonio finals; consistently among top marching bands in state & nation)
- **Elite Color Guard/EVE Program:** 3x varsity State Champs 2021-2023 & #6 ranked in World, award-winning JV & MS cadet teams
- **2022 Exemplary Band Program Award** from Texas Bandmasters Association
- **WHS is nationally recognized for its comprehensive programming**, including student growth/leadership opportunities and overall music education excellence – goal is to develop well-rounded students and leaders who are ALSO great musicians!

WHAT WE FUND

Westlake Band Parents (WBPs) funds *critical* band expenses not covered by the school district & other fees

- **Air-conditioned charter buses** for all long-haul trips (versus Eanes-provided school buses)
- **Travel and special education, competition, and other experiences** for band students & directors
- **Key marching season equipment** like props, special uniforms (ex. EVE), and other extras
- **Composers, show designers, choreographers, guest instructors & consultants** enabling WHS to compete at an ELITE level
- **Scholarships** for students in need
- **Substantial meal subsidies** (for students, drivers, CHAPERONES) to ensure our kids and hardworking helpers eat WELL!
- **Band banquet funding** (ex. seniors attend free)
- **Other mission-critical needs** to help Chap Band excel in THE MOST COMPETITIVE geographic area for HS bands in the nation

WBPs Patron Program covers expenses *exceeding* district funds, student fees & money generated by spring Mulch Sales. **64% of Eanes tax revenue is “recaptured” and sent to less affluent Texas schools, so district funding is limited** and puts our band at a disadvantage when compared to other peer bands.

FALL PATRON GIFTS ARE CRITICAL TO HELP “CLOSE THE GAP” & ENSURE EXCELLENCE

2024 PATRON FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$120,000 gap / 209 students = \$574 per student

THE ASK: 100% family participation at any level (goal \$574+ per student) to support Patron Program.

WBPs is registered 501(c)(3), so all gifts are tax deductible and eligible for employer matching.

WAYS TO SUPPORT CHAP BAND this fall

- ✓ **Patron donation** – goal \$574+ per student (QR below, www.westlakeband.org/patron or check)
- ✓ **Employer matching of donations & volunteer hours** – multiply your impact!
- ✓ **Invite friends & family to help** via our **fall Fan-Pledge event** (formally Call-A-Thon – date TBA)
- ✓ **Connect us to SPONSORS** – ask your employer & connect us to potential business sponsors
- ✓ **Donate auction items** – items & experiences for virtual/online auction
- ✓ **Buy a football program and/or business or student “brag” ad**



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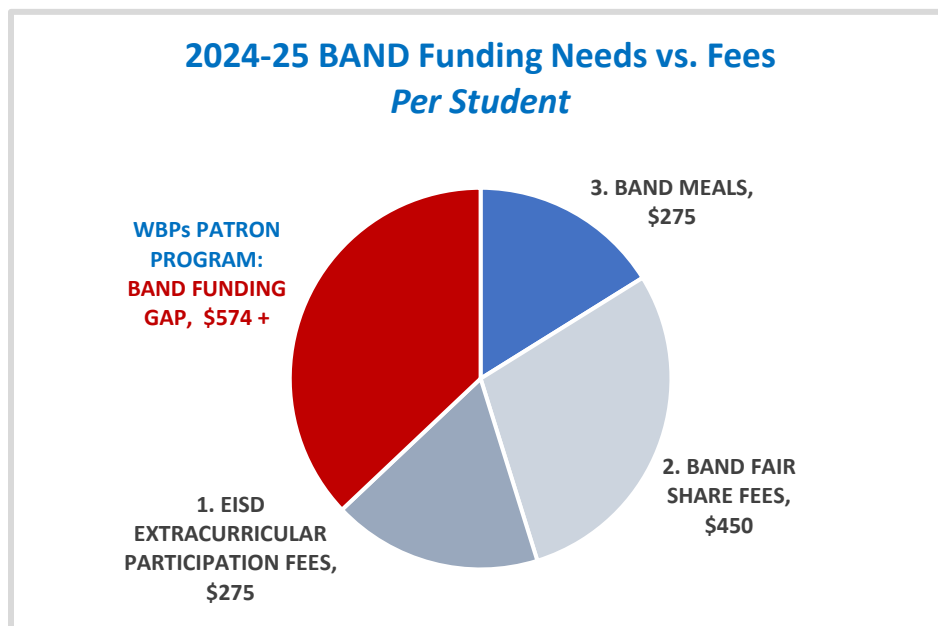
2024 PATRON GIFT LEVELS	BENEFITS & RECOGNITION
COMPOSER over \$5000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Benefits negotiated</i> with Westlake Band Parents booster organization – includes Director-level benefits with: ▪ XXL “Presenting Patron” (headliner) on all listings, signage & social media shout-outs
DIRECTOR \$5,000 (\$500 per month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small-group band performance at your private event² ▪ Sit with band at a football game¹ + conduct a stand tune (fun!) ▪ “Premier Patron” halftime announcement & scoreboard recognition ▪ XL Composer-level recognition on all listings, signage & WBPs social media shout-outs ▪ Choice of premium Chap Band merch AND Holiday Market item ▪ Reserved seating at ALL band concerts (location of your choice) ▪ “Next-level” Supporter car window cling
DRUM MAJOR \$2,500 (\$250 per month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sit with band at a football game¹ + conduct a stand tune (fun!) ▪ “Premier Patron” halftime announcement & scoreboard recognition ▪ Large Composer-level recognition on all listings, signage & WBPs social media shout-outs ▪ Choice of premium Chap Band merch OR Holiday Market item ▪ Reserved seating at ALL band concerts (location of your choice) ▪ “Next-level Supporter” car window cling
PAY IT FORWARD \$1148 “close the gap” for your student + sponsor one more! (\$115 per month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Halftime scoreboard recognition ▪ “Pay it Forward”-level recognition on all listings, signage & social media shout-outs ▪ Choice of select Chap Band merch or Holiday Market item ▪ Reserved seating at all band concerts (location of your choice) ▪ “Next-level Supporter” car window cling
CLOSE THE GAP \$574 (\$58 per month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Close the Gap”-level recognition on all listings, signage, & social media shout-outs ▪ Choice of select Chap Band merch or Holiday Market Item
SECTION LEADER \$250 (\$25 per month)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Section Leader-level recognition on all listings, signage & social media shout-outs
SOLOIST \$125 \$13 per month minimum ask of all families)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Soloist-level recognition on all listings & signage, signage & social media shout-outs
ALL GIVING LEVELS RECEIVE (including under \$125)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2024 Chap Band Supporter car window cling ▪ Recognition listings: concert and football programs, band website, social media shout-outs (donation MUST be received by August 13th for football program recognition) ▪ Tax receipt – all gifts tax deductible & corporate matching-eligible, as WBPs is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit

1. General admission football game ticket must be purchased for stadium entry
2. Group and date mutually agreed-upon (spring semester only)

Contact fundraising@westlakeband.org for questions & monthly giving arrangements.
 Employer matching & Fan-Pledge event donations count toward giving/recognition levels!
 Forward employer matching & Fan-Pledge receipts to fundraising team for recognition credit.

SEND CHECKS payable to Westlake Band Parents, P.O. Box 160522, Austin, Texas 78716
GIVE ONLINE www.westlakeband.org/patron
“DOUBLE YOUR DONATION” WITH EMPLOYER MATCHING www.westlakeband.org/corporatematch

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO? CHAP BAND FEES vs. FUNDRAISING



Elite High School band programs require next-level support

It takes an army of parent volunteers plus a BIG budget to feed, outfit, transport, equip, and educate our 209 band students, enabling them to excel in THE most competitive high school band region in the nation.

Fall fees & fundraising can be confusing (and stressful), so here's the breakdown:

1. EISD EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION FEE: \$275 paid to *EISD* via [Skyward](#) (online). Due date TBA.

The District requires that students who participate in certain extracurricular activities pay an extracurricular participation fee. These fees help pay for items provided by the District to the students, such as travel, equipment, uniforms and maintenance costs. Band is a Tier 1 fee (see [EISD Student Handbook](#)). **This fee may be waived if the student and parent are unable to pay.** Application for a waiver may be made to the campus principal (contact sramsey@eanesisd.net).

2. BAND FAIR SHARE FEE: \$450 paid **by check to Westlake High School Band on 7/28 (band registration day).**

The Fair Share fee is a CLASS FEE assessed by Chap Band and goes into the Band Activity Account. It covers items like (partial list):

Baseball cap	Instrument Choir Instructors	Sound Amplification Systems
Body Movement Instructor	Ladders & Podiums	Marching Band Music Arrangements
Chap Band socks	Marching Band Drill Writer	Transportation
Color Guard Instruction	Marching Techs	UDB App for Marching
Concert (UIL) Entry Fees	Performance Entry Fees - Trips	Uniform Parts
Contest Show Music	Percussion Music Arrangements	Water Jug Cover
Flip Folio/Folder	Props	Band Shirt
Guest Clinicians / Special Instructors	Region Band Entry Fee	Winter Guard Instruction
Guest Conductors & Judges	Solo & Ensemble Entry Fees	And more....

3. BAND MEALS: \$275 paid **by check to Westlake Band Parents on 7/28 (band registration day).**

Covers all meals, snacks, and drinks provided at performances, games and special events throughout the year (but especially during marching season). Dietary accommodations available. Questions? Contact meals@westlakeband.org.

4. WBPs PATRON PROGRAM: GOAL \$574+ per student to cover critical extras that make us excellent! If you have capacity, please consider giving more to help close the gap for students in need. Donate here www.westlakeband.org/patron or send a check to Westlake Band Parents, PO Box 160522, Austin, Texas, 78716.

Need help? FEE WAIVERS, SCHOLARSHIP, and PAYMENTS INFORMATION: rtaylor@eanesisd.net

WAYS TO SUPPORT CHAP BAND

Expected Participation	Optional Participation
<p>PATRON PROGRAM (July-):</p> <p>Patron Program is our largest fundraiser, fueled by generous individual and family gifts.</p> <p>Annual goal is 100% family participation at any level to help close our \$574 per student 2024 funding gap. We offer a variety of giving levels and benefits. <i>Donations go to Westlake Band Parents.</i> More info & give HERE.</p>	<p>BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS (fall or anytime):</p> <p>Community support is vital to the success of Chap Band. We offer a variety of sponsorship, in-kind and win-win partnership opportunities with benefits. Let's collaborate!</p> <p>Request that families connect WBPs to potential business sponsors, including their employer. <i>Sponsorship funds go to Westlake Band Parents.</i> More info HERE.</p>
<p>FAN-PLEDGE EVENT (Sept-Oct):</p> <p>This 1-hour, high-energy, prize-filled "final push" event helps ensure we meet our fall Patron goal. Goal is 100% band student participation, calling/contacting 1 to 10+ friends & family. <i>85% of donations go to Westlake Band Parents and 15% to WHS Band account to fund FUN for our band students (parties, etc.).</i> More info HERE.</p>	<p>EMPLOYER MATCHING (asap, anytime):</p> <p>Double your impact! Request that families whose employers offer corporate and/or volunteer hours matching submit Patron and Fan-Pledge receipts plus volunteer hours for matching contributions. Instructions HERE. <i>Matching funds go to Westlake Band Parents.</i></p>
<p>MULCH SALES & DELIVERY (Feb-Mar):</p> <p>Request that students & parents help ADVERTISE (via social media, door hangers, yard signs, etc.) and DELIVER mulch on one designated weekend in March (in shifts).</p> <p>This is a highly successful, fine-tuned, "all hands on deck" annual fundraiser that generates thousands for the band. <i>100% of mulch profits is split between Westlake High School band account and WBPs.</i> Contact mulch@westlakeband.org for info.</p>	<p>FOOTBALL PROGRAMS (June-Sept):</p> <p>Advertise your business or buy a student "brag ad" in the 2024 WHS Football Program. Also, BUY a program at the game(s)! Contact fbprograms@westlakeband.org for ads or learn more HERE. <i>Profits go to Westlake Band Parents.</i></p>
	<p>CONCESSIONS (fall):</p> <p>Request that parents work concession stands for ONE home game. Date/details TBA. <i>Profits go to Westlake Band Parents.</i></p>
	<p>AUCTION ITEMS (fall or anytime):</p> <p>Request items or experiences for virtual/online auction. <i>Proceeds go to Westlake Band Parents.</i> Contact fundraising@westlakeband.org to discuss.</p>

Optional Fundraising for YOUR Band Student

<p>HOLIDAY MARKET (Nov-Dec)</p> <p>Sell & purchase popular local holiday market items. <i>Profits go to YOUR STUDENT'S band travel account.</i> For details contact holidaymarket@westlakeband.org.</p>	<p>RAISERIGHT (year-round)</p> <p>Gift card fundraiser. Purchase gift cards for everyday purchases or special occasions. <i>Merchant rebates transferred to YOUR STUDENT'S band travel account.</i> Details HERE or contact Elizabeth at trips@westlakeband.org for more info.</p>	<p>MULCH SPREADING (March)</p> <p>Some mulch customers request mulch spreading. Your student can earn pocket money spreading mulch! Contact mulch@westlakeband.org for info and have your band student watch band communications and/or ask about spreading opportunities.</p>
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Questions or fundraising ideas? Contact fundraising@westlakeband.org