

50/50 Split

What is the 50/50 split and how does it work?

The 50/50 split is a way for band students to pay for their own band fees and/or band trips. The band boosters provide students with a wide variety of fundraisers throughout the year. Each time a student participates in a fundraiser he receives 50% of the profit on the items that he/she sells.

Are all fundraisers part of the 50/50 split?

No. We do let students know if a fundraiser is part of the 50/50 split before they start selling. However, students are strongly encouraged to participate in any fundraiser that benefits the band.

Why is it important for my child to participate in the 50/50 split?

It is so easy to just write a check for band fees/trip fees. However, when you do this the band itself does not benefit. Remember, the band receives the other 50% of the profit from your child's sales. Many parents don't realize that we receive very limited funding from the Board of Education. We must pay our own expenses such as; new uniforms, equipment repair/replacement, transportation charges to various competitions, music, extra staff, and many other expenses that occur throughout the year. Our fundraising also helps keep our band fees one of the lowest in the area. Otherwise, band fees would increase due to lack of student participation and funding.

Who handles the bookkeeping for student accounts?

The Booster Treasurer handles the bookkeeping for all student accounts. Accounts are available through our online bookkeeping at www.charmsmusic.com. Each student is assigned an account number that only you or your child will see. You will be given your account number and password when your child is in the band after band camp. If you do not have access to a computer the Booster Treasurer can give you account updates.

Can this money be used for anything other than band fees or trip fees? Can I use it for uniform items?

No. With over 170 band students each year this amounts to a great deal of bookkeeping for the wonderful people that donate their time. Therefore, we ask that parents pay for uniform and personal items separately.

Can I roll my child's account over to pay for next years band fees or band trip?

No. Our current accounting program does not allow us to carry balances over into the next year. Also, since we do have different treasurers from time to time this does cut down on mistakes. Any money left in your child's account after band and/or trip fees have been paid will roll over into the band booster account. However, money can be transferred between siblings or to another student. Money can also be transferred from a student to a parent who is participating in the spring trip as a chaperone.

What if I lose my account number or want to change it to a number easier to remember?

You may change your personal account number at any time. If you lose your account number or password you may email or call the Booster President or Treasurer for the missing information. **If you have any further questions please contact the Booster President or Treasurer.**