

Parent Participation Credit Guidelines

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At the inception of these guidelines, the High School Band travels in alternating school years. The participation credits will be earned over a two-year period prior to the trip. Credits will be applied at trip time (credit year is defined as Spring-Fall & Spring-Fall). After the trip, any remaining unused credits will be dropped and the process will begin again.

A portion of the funds raised by the Wills Point Band Boosters will be used to assist band students with trip expenses by paying for the cost of transportation (charter buses). Operating the concession stand during the football season raises the majority of these funds. The Band Boosters developed the Parent Participation Credit Guidelines in the 2003-04 school year in order to encourage greater participation by all parents in the fund raising process and in the enormous task of operating the concession stand. These guidelines were revised on 08-02-2005 in an effort to simplify the guidelines and ensure fair and adequate opportunities for all parents to participate and earn the needed credits for their students to be eligible to receive funds at trip time.

Required participation credits are per family regardless of the number of band students in each family. For example, a family that has three children who are all in the high school band would only need to earn the same number of credits as the family of a student who has one student in the high school band.

Anyone can work to earn credits for a student. If a parent is unable to work, the student can ask other adult extended family members or adult friends to work on their behalf. Persons who work on behalf of the student must designate who is to receive the credit at the time the credit is earned. If a student's family is truly unable to participate, the band director can recommend to the Band Boosters that the student be allowed to work for him or herself.

A participation credit pool will be established for students who do not have family that is able to participate. Workers who have earned enough credits for their child/children may be allowed to work additional shifts if workers are needed and apply credits to the pool. Credits accrued in the participation credit pool will be distributed to students in need, after review by the executive committee, and based upon recommendation of the high school band director.

To receive funds provided by the Band Boosters for transportation (charter buses) each family must:

1. Accumulate a total of 4 parent participation credits prior to the band trip.
2. Earn 2 points each year by working two shifts in the concession stand. One shift earns 1 credit.

Concession stand shifts are defined as follows (1 credit per shift):

Friday Night	First shift: 5:00 – 8:00
	Second shift: 8:00 – 11:00
Thursday Night	First shift: Freshman game (est. time 5p – 7p)
	Second shift: Jr. Varsity game (est. time 7p – 9:30p)
Spring Track Meets	1 Meet = 1 shifts (est. time 5p – 8p)

Special Circumstances:

1. Families of transfer students who are new to the district and band in the year that the band will travel will only be required to earn a total of 2 participation credits by working 2 shifts in the concession stand.
2. Families of students who are first year participants in auxiliary units (drill, flags) and have not participated in band prior to the year that the band will travel will only be required to earn a total of 2 participation credits by working 2 shifts in the concession stand.
3. Families of students who are Freshmen in the year that the band will travel will be allowed to earn all 4 required participation credits during that school year by working a total of four shifts in the concession stand. (Eighth grade students have the opportunity, and are encouraged, to earn credits if parents choose to work in the concession stand at that time.)

Band Booster funds are apportioned based on the total amount spent for the charter buses divided by the approximate number of students going on the trip to determine the bus cost per student. Students whose families have not earned the total required participation credits prior to trip time will receive a percentage of funds equal to the percent of credits earned. For example, if a student's family has only accrued 3 credits they will receive 75% of the amount provided to students whose family earned 4 credits as outlined above.

Band Booster funds do not include or cover any hotel, entertainment, meals, or other trip associated expenses. Students will be advised by the band director as to what they will be expected to pay for hotel, meals, entertainment and other trip associated expenses.