

Marching Band Fees 2009

The Corporation provides a Director, Assistant Director, Color Guard Instructor and One Percussion Instructor for the Fall Marching Band Season at Northview. This is not enough manpower for the proper instruction and rehearsal of a marching band of 160-170 students. If you think in terms of a basketball team that has two coaches for 12-15 players or a football team that has 3 or 4 coaches for 40 to 50 players you could easily make a case that we need 15 instructors minimum. Also please consider that our "classroom" is a one acre field. Marching band is a complex activity that needs marching instructors, music instructors, color guard instructors for each type of equipment and percussion instructors for each major section of the drum line.

We also strive to give our students the finest possible instruction and the best chance to succeed, therefore we periodically bring in college band directors and nationally known clinicians to help with our program. Providing enough quality instructors is not easy or inexpensive.

Each student will receive over 230 hours of instruction *outside of class time* between now and the end of marching season and we try to give you **"more bang for your buck!"** It is not uncommon for many bands throughout the state to pay \$150+ per member, just for the traditional one week band camp held at a local college or state park. Our "camps" and rehearsals are held at NHS so all of your fee money goes for instruction versus college dorm rooms, meals and facility and rehearsal space rental. In addition you do not have the extra expenses of sleeping bags, toiletries, etc. required when bands go out of town for a week. Our fee not only covers instruction as mentioned above but also provides a number of contest day meals and snacks.

Band Fees for 2009 will be \$230 and unlike past years, there will not be a separate \$30 charge for Uniform Rental/Maintenance/cleaning. It is included. Our fees have only increased \$5 in the past 4 years. ☺

Payment Plan

Total - \$230

By June 25	\$80
August 3	\$75
September 8	\$75

Please pay by check or money order, made out to Northview Band and deposit in the silver lock box outside Mr. Medworth's door in the music area. Or mail to

Northview HS Band
3150 SR 340
Brazil, IN 47834

Never pay a "band bill" with cash please. Do not give your payment to one of the director's or staff members.

