

Downing Band

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Charms School Code: DowningMSBand

Password: Student ID

How to Update Student and Parent Information



The Downing Band is using Charms Office Assistant to help manage student and parent contact information. Charms will also be used to manage our Instrument Inventory, Uniform Inventory, and the Band Music Library.

- Log on to www.charmsoffice.com
- Locate the “**PARENT/STUDENT LOGIN**” section of the web page.
- Login to your child’s program account using the following login:

DowningMSBand

- This will bring up the main parent page.
- After you enter your **STUDENT ID NUMBER**, a screen appears with even more options from which to select.
- Please click the **Personal Info Tab**:
 - Update all student and parent information. **Be sure to click the Update button after entering your information.**
 - **Please only list email addresses where you would like to receive emails regarding band.** If you list the same email address in multiple fields, you will receive duplicate emails.

Student Name (First and Last) _____

Downing Symphonic Band Official Fee Sheet 2019-2020

As with other elective courses at Downing, it is necessary to charge an Activity Fee to cover needed items and expenses which school budgets are simply not large enough to accommodate. This is a required fee for each Symphonic Band Student enrolled in the DMS Band.

Some fees are specific to a group of students. A Band Booster Officer or Band Director can help with clarification. Please see the Band Booster treasurer if you would like to schedule payment installments. Also, note the reduction in cost for Reduced Meal Participants and Free Meal Participants. We want all Downing students to feel welcome and participate in the band.

	Due Date	Check No.	Amount	Paid	
Required Activity Fee "A": <i>*See modified fees below</i> Items Covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band T-Shirt • Band Binder, dividers, pencil pouch, pencils • District and Region Audition Entry Fees • Solo & Ensemble Entry Fees • <i>Percussion subtract \$25</i> • Spring Contest Entry 	August 30	# _____	\$130 <i>(\$105 Percussion)</i>		
Foundations for Superior Performance Book <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Students who were in the DMS Symphonic Band last year should have this book) 	August 30	# _____	\$5		
Band Uniform Fee (This is the cost for the full uniform). Please see the uniform handout for more details).	September 27	# _____	\$60		
Donation in Lieu of Fundraising – Tax deductible! Fundraiser items include music, helps cover full band contest entry fees, scholarship program, needed technology, supplies, and more. We have a variety fundraisers throughout the year to help raise the \$80 goal per student needed (\$100 per family) or you can make a donation.		# _____	\$80		
LISD Instrument Usage Fee (This fee is only for those who play an LISD owned instrument)	August 30	# _____	\$100		
LISD Percussion Usage Fee (This fee is only for 7 th and 8 th grade percussionists)	August 30	# _____	\$50		
Donation to Financial Assistance Fund	Any Time (August 30 recommended)	# _____	Any \$5 Suggested		
TOTAL PAYMENT TODAY					

*Modified Fee "B" Reduced Meal Participants \$65 (\$52.50 for percussion)

*Modified Fee "C" Free Meal Participants \$26 (\$21 for percussion)

Please make checks out to **DOWNING BAND BOOSTERS.**

You may pay see the treasurer tonight to pay fees or you may attach (staple) check to this page and return to the Band Lock Box located outside of the director's office.

For your convenience, you can combine fees and write one check.

Downing Symphonic Band Uniforms

Downing Symphonic Band Parents,

As a member of the Symphonic Band at Downing Middle School, students will be required to wear a uniform for all concerts and contests. All students will be measured for their uniforms during their band class.

Boys Cost:

Dry Cleaning Fee Required for All Boys: **\$10.00**

Tuxedo Shirt: **\$20.00** (only for those needing a new shirt/do not own a shirt)

Tuxedo Pants: **\$30.00** (only for those needing new pants/do not own tux pants)

All boys will be provided with a tuxedo jacket, cummerbund, and bowtie in a garment bag. These items will be assigned to your child for the entire school year. All boys will be required to purchase black socks, a black belt, and black dress shoes (no patent leather or sneakers). These purchases will need to be made individually, as they are not ordered through the Downing Band. If your student is in need of a tuxedo shirt and tux pants, they will be ordered by the band from Al's Formal Wear. Black button covers are included with the tuxedo shirt purchase, so please save these, as they are required to be worn for the concerts. Please note that purchasing a tuxedo shirt and tux pants are not required if your student already owns these.

Girls Cost:

Dress: **\$60.00**

All 7th grade girls will need to purchase a new dress through the Downing Band. If your daughter is in 8th grade and has a dress from last year, she may use it for this year. The dresses will need to be hemmed so that the bottom of the dress is one and a half inches off the ground. Please have the dresses hemmed with the shoes the girls will be wearing to keep the distance from the ground consistent. If you are planning on having your daughter wear the dress for more than one year, you may want to instruct the tailor to avoid cutting off any fabric so that the dress can be re-altered, as your daughters will grow quite a bit this year. Girls will need to wear black hose and have black, close-toed shoes. Ballet-style flats without bows, buckles, or straps are ideal. No boots or loafer style shoes, please. Hose should not be textured, and no tights please. To avoid having to purchase more than one pair of shoes, feel free to bring shoes to Mrs. Clardy for approval before wearing them.

******Please note that the dress being ordered for all girls is the same for the Orchestra and Choir. If your student participates in either of these groups, you will only need to order one dress. Please indicate on the second page if you are planning on ordering through another program.***

Checks are to be made payable to the Downing Band Boosters. Please fill out the second page of this packet and return it by August 30. Please return payment by **Friday, September 27**. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Clardy by phone (972) 350-1456 or email ClardyM@lisd.net.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Clardy

2018 DOWNING BAND UNIFORM LETTER

Please fill out, sign, and return by August 30. Please remit payment by September 27th.

My daughter will purchase a new dress for the 2018-2019 school year (\$60).

My daughter will use her dress from last year and not purchase a new dress.

My daughter will acquire her dress from a former student.

My daughter will purchase a new dress for the 2018-2019 school year through Choir or Orchestra.

 My son will purchase a tux shirt, tux pants, and pay the dry cleaning fee (\$60).

My son already owns a tux shirt, and will pay for tux pants & dry cleaning fee (\$40).

My son already owns tux pants, and will pay for a tux shirt & dry cleaning fee (\$30).

My son will pay the dry cleaning fee only (\$10).

(If applicable)

Cash Check Check # _____

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

*****All students need to return this form by August 30*****

Band Handbook Acceptance Form

The Downing Band Handbook can be found on the website under the "Parent" tab,

www.downingmsband.com

The password is member1920

I have read and understand all of the rules, regulations, procedures, and philosophy of the Downing Band. I also know how to access the calendar on the Downing Band website and understand that these dates are important for my attendance. By signing this sheet, I am agreeing to comply with the items set in this handbook.

Student Name:

Student Signature:

/ _____
Date

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

/ _____
Date

This form is due on Friday, August 30, 2019

8/17/2019

Any necessary changes will be posted to the website and a paper copy will be issued to students.

2019-2020 Downing Middle School Symphonic Band Calendar

Dates in bold print are mandatory events for a grade

September

- 13 Be A Marauder Band Member, 4:50-9:00 pm, Strongly encouraged for all, (Rides at DMS by 9:00 PM)
20 **Bandfest, (Advanced Band Students) 5:30-9:00 pm, Marauder Stadium, All, Required**

October

- 1 **National Night Out Performance, Bridlewood Amenity Center, Required** (*Athletes with games are excused*)
10 Mock Auditions
19 **District Band Auditions; All, Arbor Creek, individual times, Required, (approval)**
23 **Region Band Auditions, (Small Sections), Huffines MS, (5:00 -9:00 PM), individual times, Required, (approval)**
Sections: Tenor Sax, Alto Sax, Bassoon, Euphonium, Tuba
30 Fine Arts Masquerade Ball, 6:00-8:00 PM, DMS Cafeteria, All, Optional
26 **Region Band Auditions, (Large Sections), McKamy MS, 8:00 – 5:00, individual times, Required, (approval)**
Sections: Horn, Trombone, Flute, Trumpet, Percussion, Clarinet

November

- TBA PTA Spaghetti Supper, 5:15 – 6:00, DMS Cafeteria, Select Ensembles
12 Dallas Winds Field Trip, All, 4:30- 10:30 PM, *Optional*
19 Sectionals for students selected to the All-District Band, Evening, To Be Announced
22 All-District Band Clinic and Concert, Selected Students, ALL DAY, various locations in The Colony

December

- 5 **Downing Band Winter Concert, 7:00 PM, Marcus HS, All Required**
13 **Elementary Tour, All, during school day, Required**
14 All-Region Band Clinic and Concert, (Students selected to All-Region Band), 8:30AM-9:00PM, *Byron Nelson HS*

January

- TBA Paintball Social, 4:30-8:00 PM, All, Optional
15/16 **5th Grade Tour, DMS, morning, ALL, Required**
16 Game Day at Marcus, All 7th and 8th Grade Students, 5:00-8:00PM, Marcus, Encouraged
TBA **Band Pictures (Symphonic Band 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM), Yearbook photos**

February

- 8 **LISD Solo and Ensemble Contest, All Day, Individual times, Shadow Ridge MS, All, Required**
10 Middle School Percussion Concert, 7:00-8:00PM, DMS, **Percussionists, Required**

March

- TBA Side By Side with Marcus HS Band
TBA Symphonic Band Pre-UIL Clinic, (4:30-6:00PM), Downing , All, Required
12 Pre-UIL Concert, Evening, Marcus HS, **ALL, Required (time TBD)**
27 Lone Star Showcase of Music Festival, St. Andrews, 7:45 – 2:30, Required
31 Symphonic Band UIL Contest, *Specific Time, TBA*, Required, Argyle MS

April

- 1 Symphonic Band UIL Contest, *Specific Time, TBA*, Required, Argyle MS

May

- 1 Downing Band Host Choice Music Event at UNT
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2 LISD Solo and Ensemble Contest, All Day, Individual times, Creek Valley MS, All, Encouraged
4 **Spring Concert, MHS Auditorium 7:00 PM, All, Required**
TBA Symphonic Band Directors Choice Field Trip to Epic Waters Indoor Water Park, 4:30 – 10:00PM ALL, Optional

Please note: Additional, *Optional* Social Activities will be added to the calendar. There will be additional costs for these *non-mandatory* events.

Downing Band Booster Volunteer Form

Welcome to the Downing Band! In order to provide your child with the best experience, we will need volunteers from time to time. Please indicate your availability to help out and select areas of interest to you. Someone will contact you!

Name _____

Occupation _____

Are you an LISD Staff Member _____

Student's Name(s) _____ Grade(s): _____

Preferred Contact Information _____

Please check categories where you might be able to help out.

Check All that Apply	Volunteer Opportunity
	Chaperone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accompany Students and Directors to Performance Events Sit with Bands in audience during Concerts while others are performing
	Uniforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help size Advanced Band students for Concert Uniforms Assist in getting to cleaners and organizing upon return
	Fundraising Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help with Fundraisers
	Hospitality Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help with receptions, Parties, or other events, including shared events (Cluster MS Bands/ DMS Fine Arts) Help with ordering food for student events
	Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make copies, create Sign up Genius for various events, collect and document forms, etc.
	General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willing to help – please call as needed
	Driver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Willing to drive instrument truck - Elementary Tour in December (Must complete LISD DL check)
	Historian <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take photos, collect photos from parents & students, help with slide show
	Auditor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet once a month with treasurer to audit financial records
	Bite Nite Coordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set Up Bite Nites at Local Restaurants

Downing Band Forms to Return:

- _____1. Handbook Acceptance Form
- _____2. Materials Fee Form with payment
- _____3. Band Booster Volunteer Form
- _____4. Uniform Letter Form (Symphonic Band Only)
- _____5. T-shirt Survey (**Online**)
- _____6. Private Lessons Interest Form (**Online**)
- _____8. LISD Instrument Maintenance Form (District Owned Instruments Only)

PLEASE BE SURE TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION IN CHARMS!