



STMAA Band Dues Q&A

Band students' dues help keep our amazing music programs running at Santa Teresa High School. Please read on to learn more about STMAA contributions.

How much are the dues?

We request the following dues by November 1, 2023 to pay for our programs through the fall and confirm the budget for the spring.

Symphonic Winds - \$125

Wind Ensemble - \$150

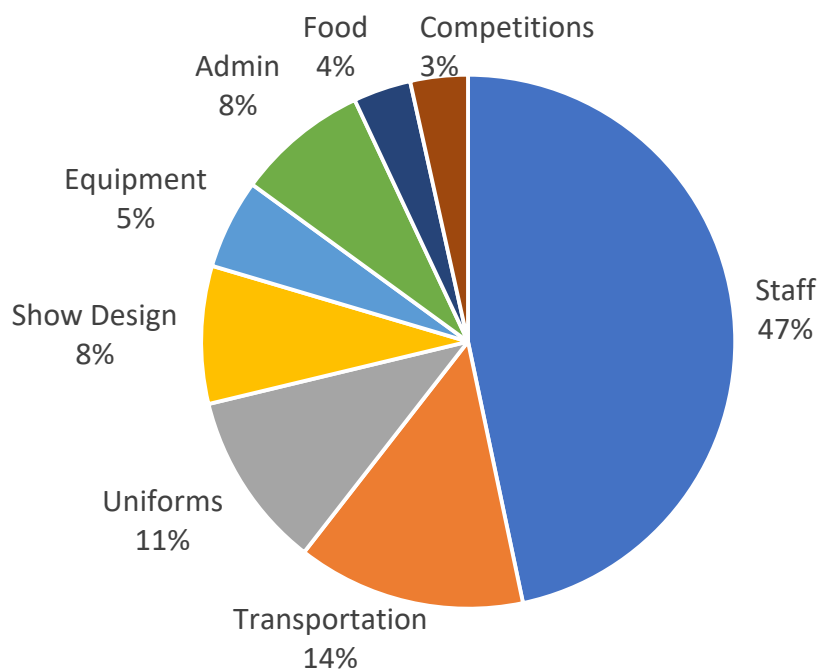
Marching Band and Color Guard - \$950

Jazz Band - TBD

Where do the STMAA contributions go?

The overall budget for the 2023-2024 school year is \$110,000. Band staff (instructors, clinicians, support), transportation, and apparel (t-shirts, uniforms) make up the largest expenses. Here's how the music budget is applied overall:

STMAA 2023-2024 Budget Allocations





I'm not in marching band and color guard, do I need to contribute?

We request a nominal donation amount to help with costs that benefit each of the music classes. Many expenses go towards all band classes such as music licenses, supplies, equipment, and transportation to offsite concerts.

For example, did you know that to replace a drum head costs \$1,000 on average? The drums are an integral part of every music class. We appreciate everyone's support to keep our music department running!

Are my contributions tax deductible?

STMAA is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Your contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You will receive a letter confirming receipt of your donations in January for the prior year.

How can my child raise money to offset the dues?

We have individual fundraisers where the money your child raises will go towards their contribution. Double Good Popcorn was the first one in September. Driven Coffee Roasters is starting in October. If you would like to help organize more individual and group fundraisers, please contact stmaaboard@santateresamusic.com.

Does my company's matching contribution count towards my donation?

Yes, if your company has a match and you would like it to go towards your dues, please let us know so that we can note that the balance will be paid by your company's match.

Where can I find out more about STMAA's spending and budget?

Please join monthly parent meetings during the school year (see band calendar for details). Please read the monthly meeting minutes that are posted on the website.

I'd like to be involved with fundraising. How can I help?

As of October 2023, STMAA needs a fundraiser chair and support. Please contact us if you are interested in running or helping with programs such as Music Marathon, Dine-Outs, and more to raise funds at stmaaboard@santateresamusic.com.



What happens when we meet our fundraising goals in 2023 - 2024?

Not only do we enrich our students' lives with a well-supported program, once we reach 85% of students paying dues, Mr. Crisanto has promised to dye his hair blue! And, when we reach \$60,000+ raised through dues, individual fundraising, and company matches, he will dye it orange!

In addition, we would love to bring back music trips that we have had pre-pandemic. These include Disneyland, New Orleans, and even Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. Other schools in the Bay Area have restarted their trips. Let's continue our fundraising and bring back the educational musical trips!

What if I need more time to pay dues or am unable to pay my dues in full?

Please pay what you can, every donation helps. Individual fundraisers and company matches are other ways to increase your contributions throughout the school year. Please contact Mr. Crisanto at banddirector@santateresamusic.com to discuss paying your dues in installments throughout the school year or for a waiver form.