

Fundraising Policy

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is a necessary part of any school music organization. Operating expenses for groups such as ours far exceed the dollars supplied by FCPS to the choral program. In order for the department to remain vital and offering quality experiences to our students, fundraiser participation is a necessity for each student. Money raised through fund-raising and fees are used for many purposes (seen and unseen) over the course of a school year.

The Choral Department and Boosters work hard to keep student fees low and offset those low fees with fundraising efforts. Please keep in mind all of the often “unseen, behind the scenes” expenses when considering your level of commitment to fundraising. Your help is a necessity to continue this outstanding program, therefore, **EACH STUDENT IS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VARIOUS FUNDRAISERS THAT THE CHORAL DEPARTMENT SPONSORS EACH YEAR or give an In-lieu-of Donation.**

IN-LIEU-OF or OPT-OUT CONTRIBUTIONS

This year, the booster board will again offer an “In-lieu-of” fundraising possibility for those who may be overburdened with several organizations to fund raise for or for those who would simply prefer not to sell items. The “In-lieu-of” program is intended to allow folks to still contribute to the organization allowing us to meet our fund-raising goals, but perhaps avoid selling items.

If this sounds like the right choice for you, Lafayette Chorus Boosters are suggesting a yearly In-lieu-of contribution of \$75 (\$25 for each major sales fundraiser). This in-lieu-of takes the place of your student participating in three major fund-raising initiatives for the choir. Fundraisers which qualify for the opt-out will be announced at the beginning of each year. Those taking part in the In-Lieu-Of program will not qualify for fundraising credits (unless the student voluntarily participates in one of the designated fundraisers) In-lieu-of Donations to the Lafayette Booster organization are Tax-Deductible.

FUNDRAISING CREDITS

For most sales fundraisers we try to offer student account credits. Credits are offered as incentives for students to sell and give opportunities for students to pay for activities they are involved in. Credits are applied to student accounts and can be carried over from one year to the next (in saving for a choir trip) or can be applied to banquet costs, trips, or other activities which involve costs to students. Student credit details are announced at the onset of each fundraiser. Credits **will not** be cashed out to students. Any unused credits at the end of a student’s senior year will be rolled into the booster general fund. See detailed credit policy. www.lafayettechoir.org/boosters/boardpolicies

Your Fundraising provides:

- Chorus T-shirts
- Folders
- Pencils
- Music purchase
- Student consumables
- Attire repair, cleaning, and replacement
- Classroom supplies
- Classroom equipment
- Risers, and maintenance
- Posture Chairs,
- Music stands
- Audio/video equipment
- Folder cabinets
- Performance space rental
- Program printing
- Festival/Contest Fees
- KMEA registration fees
- All-State Expenses
- Transportation costs to contests and festivals
- Instructional software
- Instructional materials
- Instructional videos and audio recordings
- Library storage
- Office support
- Office supplies
- Office equipment
- Accompanist fees
- Guest clinician expenses
- Supplemental instruction
- All-State adjudicators
- Postage
- Student incentives
- Awards
- Electronic Consumables (CD’s, Tapes, DVD’s)
- Piano Tunings
- Musical instruments
- Chaperone expenses
- Substitute teachers for when directors are chaperoning All-State, or other festivals.
- Recordings of concerts.

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