

Freedom High School Band and Orchestra Organization
FUNDRAISING POLICY
2008-2009

TRIPS

Trips are normally limited and organized into two-year cycles to provide the student with an adequate amount of time to raise the funds required to participate in the trip and to lessen the financial burden on the community. All members of the band and orchestra who are in good standing, and meet their annual STUDENT ACCOUNT agreement are eligible to participate in their instrumental group trip.

The Parents' Organization provides sufficient fundraising activities for each student to earn their STUDENT ACCOUNT obligation.

Fundraising is tied directly to the trip cycle so that fundraising can be spread over a longer period of time, thus minimizing the fundraising activities for the student and the community in a given year. No student or parent is allowed to use the Freedom Band and Orchestra's name to conduct individual fundraisers without the written consent of the FHSBOPO.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION (DURING AN OFF TRIP YEAR)

It is in the best interest of you and your child to fundraise during an off trip year, to acquire funds in their student account that would be applied to a future trip. The earnings will carry over to the following school year(s). This way it will minimize the the amount your child will have to earn during the following band trip year. It will ease the burden on the students, parents and the community.

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The Freedom High School Band and Orchestra Parents Organization exists to provide support for the instrumental program of Freedom High School. In addition to lending adult time and talent to enhance the instrumental music program, the Organization ***provides equipment to be used in the music department when needs arise that are not covered by the school instrumental budget.*** Also, the Organization provides the means for the band and orchestra members to participate in trips and activities that are beyond the scope of the regular Bethlehem Area School District music program.

Since no direct public funds are used for the Organization sponsored activities, the Organization provides the means for students, through their individual participation, to earn funds to finance the operating expense and/or their student account. Students who elect to participate in the Organization sponsored activities are expected to earn or pay their portion of the costs for those activities.

The annual budget is generally comprised of two basic components: (1) The **OPERATING EXPENSES** of the organization are defined as the funds for the current year's operation, *including, but not limited to postage, newsletter, tickets and program book printing, instrument repair and purchase, music, supplies, equipment, students' banquet dinner, awards and current projects,* and (2) The **STUDENT ACCOUNT** of the organization is defined as *the funds set aside for trips and activities held by the FHSBOPO.*