



# Heritage Hills Band Boosters

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Parental involvement has been cited as the number one factor for success in a child's musical endeavors in a number of studies. Also, parents who are actively involved in their children's music education have a chance to experience and enjoy first-hand the many important moments of musical and personal growth and achievement as they happen.

Remember that your band student is not just learning how to play a horn or beat a drum during his or her band class, performances, and activities. Your child is learning and applying life lessons such as personal accomplishment, appreciation for self and others, joy of discipline, group effort and individual contribution to it, maturing social skills, and personal character development. These various lessons are not taught in lieu of actual musical training, but they have long been recognized as inherent benefits of training in the performing arts, particularly music.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** When you have a child in the Heritage Hills High School or Heritage Hills Middle School band you become a Band Booster. The Heritage Hills Band Boosters organization is a group of parents and other interested parties, dedicated to provide financial support and help promote band spirit. We meet once a month, and participation is important. Committees are formed to provide necessary services to the band. Among these services are providing chaperones for trips, helping with fundraising projects, aiding with public relations, helping with transportation of equipment, working as pit crew, and much more. Membership is open to anyone, and the more family we have involved, the more we can accomplish. All parents are requested to be on at least one committee, but are encouraged to get involved in as many as they would like. The only way you can make a difference is to be there and to be active.

Other ways you can be supportive of the band program and your student's participation is by:

1. Assisting your child to be prepared and punctual for every rehearsal and performance.
2. Notifying the director if your child is to be absent or late for a performance or rehearsal. This should be done in advance unless in absolute emergency situations.
3. Encouraging your child to practice at home and help them find a quiet place to do so.
4. Showing your interest and support in your child's music study by enthusiastically attending every performance possible.
5. Arranging for private lessons for your child, if at all possible.

We are very excited about your family being a part of the Heritage Hills Bands. It is truly up to you to decide how valuable the experience will be. Have a great year, and we look forward to meeting you often!