

Revised “Band Bucks” Program

Purpose

The purpose of the Reynoldsburg Band Booster’s “Band Bucks” program is to encourage sufficient levels of participation in select fundraising activities of the Reynoldsburg Band Boosters (hereafter called the “Boosters”), mainly staffing the concession stands for all outdoor sports activities – football, soccer, track. Other fundraising activities may also be eligible to earn band bucks, based on a vote of the Executive Board (hereafter called the “Board”) or at the direction of the Director.

The Program

Parents (or **non-student adults** age 18 or older) may volunteer their time to work in the various concession stands manned by the Boosters during an outdoor sporting event as coordinated by the Concessions Chairperson. At the beginning of their shift, all volunteers will sign in on the sheet provided, including their time of arrival, the name of the band student (concert or marching band or color guard) they are representing, and the year of the student’s graduation. At the end of their shift, all volunteers will record the time of their departure.

A record of the time the volunteers spend working at each event will be kept by the “Band Bucks” Coordinator who will maintain a list of all band students and the amount of “Band Bucks” earned.

Once the prerequisite volunteer hours have been worked (as explained below), parents (or **non-student adults** age 18 or older) will earn two “Band Bucks” for each hour worked. This amount will be credited to the account of the name of the student entered on the sign-in sheet.

“Band Bucks” Uses

“Band Bucks” may be used to “pay” for any expense a band student (concert or marching band or color guard) may incur as part of being a member of the band program **with the exception** of the school’s required Pay – to – Play fee or other expense that may be specifically excluded by either the Director or the Board. Examples of uses of “Band Bucks” would include payment of yearly Booster fees, summer uniform expenses, concert band uniform expenses, extra or lost gloves, socks, reeds or other needed instrumental items that may be stocked by the Director, etc.

When a band student is charged for any of the above items, they may request that any or all of the “Band Bucks” that have been accumulated in their name be used to offset their expenses. The amount available to them will be verified by the Coordinator before the accumulated “Band Bucks” are applied to the expense.

“Band Bucks” may NOT be used for the purchase of food during any function attended by the band, nor can they be “redeemed” for cash.

Prerequisite Volunteer Hours

Due to the decrease of fees collected by the Boosters (with the introduction of the school’s “Pay-to-Play” fee), it will now be necessary to perform 20 hours of volunteer service to the band program before “Band Bucks” will begin to accumulate for adults working concessions. There will be no 20-hour requirement for any fundraisers that offer “Band Bucks” to the students as an incentive to participate.

The 20-hour commitment can be fulfilled by chaperoning the band for band camp, sewing flags or color guard uniforms, chaperoning on the busses to away games or competitions, assisting with uniforms or transporting pit equipment, stage setup during concerts, or other ways identified by the Boosters. A sign-in sheet in the format used in the concession stand will be present at all Booster events, including for chaperones for away games and competitions. Persons wanting to have their service count towards their prerequisite volunteer hours must sign in and out and name the student (and their graduation year) these volunteer hours are being worked for. The Coordinator will collect all sign in sheets and will tabulate the hours worked and track when the prerequisite volunteer hours have been reached.

“Band Bucks” Coordinator

The Coordinator will keep accurate and timely records of the hours worked by each volunteer and for which student the hours are worked, as well as the amount of “Band Bucks” earned and redeemed. It will be the Coordinator’s job to work with the Concessions Chair and/or the Chairperson of the event to collect the sign in sheets and to check them for both legibility and completeness.

It is the responsibility of the volunteers to write legibly and to sign in and out. If the Coordinator cannot read an entry or the time signed in or out is not listed, the Coordinator will ask the Concessions Chair and/or the Board member responsible at the event for assistance. It will be the Chairperson of the event to decipher the handwriting and determine when the volunteer arrived and departed. The ruling of the Chairperson **is final**.

The Coordinator will be available by either telephone or email to answer questions about the program or how many “Band Bucks” their student has accumulated and/or spent.

Disposition of Unused “Band Bucks”

In the past, “Band Bucks” have been allowed to accumulate for as long as there has been another student “coming up through the ranks” of the band program. However; for ease of bookkeeping in light of the new prerequisite volunteer hours that must be tracked, this is changing.

“Band Bucks” earned before the implementation of this policy will be available to siblings as per current policy. For “Band Bucks” earned once this policy is implemented, all “Band Bucks” earned must be spent by the end of the **following** band year. (For example, “Band Bucks” earned in 2010 would have to be used **no later** than the end of the school year 2011 unless they are being passed on to a sibling in **marching band or color guard** in the coming school year.) All unused “Band Bucks” will be returned to the general fund. **“Band Bucks” are NOT transferable** between non-related students.

Students who move or choose not to remain in the band program will lose all accumulated “Band Bucks” and the amount accumulated will be returned to the general fund unless the unused “Band Bucks” are transferred to a sibling in the band program.

Other Issues

As in the past, current Board members are NOT eligible to earn “Band Bucks” by working in the concession stands. Their students, however, **are** able to earn “Band Bucks” by participating in fundraisers that offer “Band Bucks” as an incentive. **Spouses** of current Board members **are** able to earn “Band Bucks” by working in the concession stands, once their prerequisite volunteer hours have been met.

Once a parent (or **non-student adult**) has worked their prerequisite volunteer hours, they may choose to assign their “Band Bucks” to **any** student in the band program (concert, marching or color guard). However; they must indicate for whom they are working on the sign in sheet and must agree that once they have signed out for the day, the student indicated is the student who will be credited with the “Band Bucks” and this **cannot be changed** at a later date.

Please remember that the “Band Bucks” program is an incentive program to help the Reynoldsburg Band program meet its goals of providing the best program possible for our students. The program is voluntary and may be changed or discontinued by the Boosters by a majority of the Booster membership present when a vote is called.