



Band Parent Volunteer Expectations & Opportunities

Funding for the band program comes from two main sources: the Brandon Valley School District and Brandon Valley Band Parents, INC (the boosters).

The school district pays the salaries of the directors, some transportation costs, competition entry fees and some equipment. Brandon Valley Band Parents, INC helps with the additional cost of travel, food and lodging, equipment, props, color guard uniforms/flags, band student scholarships, senior banners, all-state band support, the semi-trailer and so much more. All band students benefit.

The Brandon Valley band program is unique where students are not asked to pay 'dues' to participate. Many other bands in the region require dues from their families. Brandon Valley avoids those dues that because of band parents and volunteers all work together to raise enough funds to support the program.

Below is information on what is expected of band families to successfully sustain this program.

Full Band Fundraising

Premier Center/Convention Center/Pentagon Concessions

Families and band students are **expected** to work concessions at the Premier Center/Convention Center/Sanford Pentagon. This is our largest fundraiser and covers tens of thousands of dollars in expenses. Shifts are tracked based on how many shifts a student/family is expected to work.

- All band students are expected to work 1 shift
- All marching band students are expected to work an additional shift (2 total shifts)
- All indoor drumline students (BVi) are expected to work an additional 3 shifts (5 total shifts)
- *NOTE:* Family members/parents can work on behalf of their student
- Students who do not complete their shifts every year are not eligible for band scholarships their senior year
- Working concessions is a great way to meet other families and students

In addition, there are several other events and fundraisers throughout the year where we ask for parent volunteers. These are not required, but without these events we also couldn't fund our band program.

Big Sioux Review

This is a marching band competition hosted at Brandon Valley High School in September. Several bands from South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota attend, so it takes several volunteers to make the event a success. Volunteer opportunities including helping direct parking, hosting bands, working concessions, and donating food for the hospitality lounge.

Turkey Supper & Indoor Marching Show

This fundraiser combines our long-standing turkey supper with our annual indoor marching show at Brandon Valley High School. Many volunteer opportunities including serving dinner, taking tickets, set up, and clean up.

Pops and Pie Concert

This fundraiser in the spring combines a pie and ice cream social with our annual 'pops' concert. Volunteers are needed to bake/donate pies and help serve.

Marching Band Volunteers

Families of marching band students are asked to volunteer in various areas throughout the season. Examples of areas that parents have been asked to volunteer include but are not limited to chaperones, prop builders and movers, uniform helpers, and donating snacks.

Individual Fundraising Opportunities

There are several events throughout the year to help with individual fundraising. These funds are deposited into an individual student account (ISA) and can be used for the major band trip that happens every four years or for WGI Championship trip expenses for Brandon Valley Indoor.

Additional Premier Center/Pentagon Shifts

After the Premier Center/Pentagon shifts listed above are completed, then a minimum of \$50 per "extra" shift that is worked is added to the student's ISA. Please note that some shifts pay more (determined by Premier Center, Pentagon, and Convention Center), but all shifts pay a minimum of \$50.

Winter Fundraiser

This fundraiser happens one time during the school year (typically in January or February) where frozen food and various items from a fundraising catalogue and on-line sales can be sold by students. A portion of the proceeds goes to the general band fund, and most of the proceeds go to a student's ISA.

- 10% of proceeds goes to the general band fund
- 30% of proceeds goes to the student's ISA

Raise Right Gift Cards

Raise Right is an online/app where you can buy gift cards through various retailers for a discount and get a kickback to your student's ISA. Clothing, cruise lines, home improvement stores; if you have a big expenditure coming and watch for a special offer, you could fund a regular year of ISA with just a few transactions.

Electronic gift cards can be purchased anytime throughout the year with profits going into a student's ISA. Twice a year, typically around the holidays and again before graduation season, a large order will be placed for physical gift cards from most major businesses.

Brandon Valley Indoor Drumline (BVi) Fundraising

In addition to the three extra shifts at the Premier Center/Pentagon Brandon Valley Indoor students need to work, additional fundraising and volunteering is needed to support the activity. Information is shared in October when the BVi kick-off meeting is held.