

Finances and the Musical Arts Booster Club

The instrumental program at Sequoyah HS offers the most comprehensive groups of activities and the most diverse group of students with which you will ever associate. There is literally something for everyone within the instrumental music program from individual performance opportunities to a multitude of travel options to leadership training that will provide you with many of the skills you will need in college and beyond through your adult life! Members of SHS instrumental music program learn socialization and musical skills, leadership and discipline, commitment and dedication, but the best reason of all; it is FUN!

The SHSMABC is responsible for the financial support of the instrumental music program. Membership in the SHSMABC is automatic when your child joins any group within the overall program. Each month at the regular booster meeting the treasurer's report lists deposits, disbursements, general fund balance, cash on hand and reserve account balances. Reserve accounts are held for each student within the program and can be used for any type of band expenditure but cannot be used for purposes other than those intended. Each individual student has a reserve account in his/her name that is continually tracked and updated for payments, fundraising credits and trip payments. You can get your child's balance by calling (but email is preferred) the treasurer no more than once per quarter (or if you have a specific question regarding credits).

Student Account Regulations

Upon entering the Sequoyah Instrumental Music Program every student has an account set up within the MABC organization regulated by the Treasurer and MABC Board of Directors. All payments for band camp, uniform fees, trip payments, etc. are handled through the treasurer via their student account. The student account is similar to a bank account with the following differences:

1. All money deposited into a student's account that has been paid directly by the student or family is refundable within the guidelines of each situation and are specified by payment/withdrawal deadlines for trips, band camp etc.
2. Band camp deposits that are paid over the summer are refundable (according to policy) if the family relocates otherwise the deposit is non-refundable.
3. Money that is held in a student account that has been fundraised (not paid directly) is not refundable if a student withdraws from the program. Students who graduate from the program with a positive balance can designate that their balance may go to another student within the band. If no such designation is made the extra money is 'rolled' into the scholarship/grant money for students during the upcoming school year.

Cash

There are times during the year that money is due. During the summer payments should be mailed directly to the treasurer. During the school year all money should be turned in at the band office for payments, fundraisers, etc. There is a locked collection box secured inside the band office where any money, correspondence, information, etc. can be routed to the appropriate booster officer. All checks should be made payable to: '**SHSMABC**'

(Sequoyah HS Musical Arts Booster Club), and enclosed in the envelopes provided on the left side of the collection box with the necessary information completed. This helps the treasurer maintain complete and accurate records.

If large amounts of cash must be turned in it is advisable for the parent/guardian to collect all the cash and then write one check from their personal account in order to reduce the risk of loss, theft, etc. while en route to school or from the collection box. Checks are, obviously, much easier to track and account for. It is very important to fully complete the collection envelope so that accurate and proper credits are recorded. A check will serve as a receipt and for cash that has been deposited you will receive a receipt in person or mailed to your home.

If you are ever I doubt about how to handle money, please call the treasurer (info found on the website) or ask the director.