

WEMEA is a 501©(3) non-profit organization primarily supported by Santa Fe Band parents. Funds raised by the organization go to directly support the band's activities. Our primary objective is to provide our students with the best possible band experience.

Throughout the course of the year, the Santa Fe Band performs at numerous marching and concert contests both in and out of the state of Oklahoma. In order for the band to participate in these events, your support is necessary.

To minimize fundraising activities for that support, band parents are requested to contribute a \$150 per band student activity fee made payable to WEMEA (\$125 per student if you have more than one band student in a family) to meet the costs. This activity fee from all parents will 1) minimize the number of fundraising activities, 2) lessen the need for you to write numerous individual checks at the beginning of the school year, 3) reduce other out-of-pocket expenses during the school year. A list of just a few of the many items covered by this student activity fee is: new marching shoes for incoming freshman and new students, gloves, meals and refreshments served at marching competition, and Band Camp lunches. Most items required for certain performances and activities are also provided by this fee. A fully itemized budget is presented at the August meeting prior to the Band Exhibition concluding Band Camp.

Recognizing the financial burden the fee may cause, we have several methods to meet the obligation:

1. A check in the full amount paid during Band Camp (August)
2. A check in the amount of \$50 paid during Band Camp with monthly installment payments meeting the balance due by November 1st.
3. Special fundraising activities for parents or students where payments are made to WEMEA. If you need to use this option, please contact a WEMEA Board Member.