



Kennesaw Mountain Orchestra Boosters (KMOB) Budget and Student Dues

As you know, the KMHS Orchestra is more than just a class. Unlike most classes, orchestra is considered “Co-Curricular,” meaning it is a regular class, yet also requires extra-curricular commitments and development. Our performance schedule and a strong desire to perform at a high level requires a major commitment from our students and families. The purpose of the BOOSTERS is to support the orchestra out of a desire to have an orchestra program that will provide the students with the highest level of musical instruction as well as quality experiences.

Why do we need dues for our orchestra program?

Cobb County School system contributes around \$3,600 annually to our program. Cobb County funds are for instructional materials. The annual CCSD budget of \$3,600 is used for the following:

- School Owned Instruments and repairs
- Published Music
- Music Stands
- Chairs
- Sound equipment
- Office supplies
- Transportation to District Festival

However, the operating budget for our orchestra needs to compensate for an additional \$22,000 each year, this is obviously a huge difference! We simply cannot afford to provide the level of support for the number of students we have unless every family meets their obligation to the budget.

How much are the dues?

We are asking each family to provide their orchestra dues of \$200.00 for the year.

What does this money cover?

The largest portion of our budget is applied towards hiring section coaches and clinicians. This has a HUGE impact on the advancement of our students. By having weekly sectionals, students will see major positive results in their skill and development. Section coaches are a major part of our budget, but there are many other things that are essential to the success of the orchestra program that are provided by the Orchestra Boosters through dues. Please see the attached Preliminary Budget for a detailed explanation of those costs. Each of those costs will need to be paid through dues and fundraising.

What if I can't afford the dues this semester?

If you are facing a hardship, please let us know so we can work something out! We are flexible, but the costs are fixed and we must have the income to operate. We are grateful that your student is participating and trust they will grow musically and enjoy being a member of the KMHS Orchestra. For any questions, or to get in touch with someone about hardship, please contact the Booster officers at: kmobclub@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting the Kennesaw Mountain Orchestra Program!!!

Estimated Expenses	
Cost	Item Description
\$10,000.00	Guest Artists and Clinicians (Sectional Coaching)
\$3,000.00	Awards Banquet
\$3,000.00	Professional Development, GMEA & ASTA fees, Teacher Conferences
\$2,000.00	Uniforms and Orchestra Shirts
\$1,500.00	Booster Expenses and Supplies
\$1,000.00	Student Recognition
\$1,000.00	Events / Hospitality
\$500.00	Software
\$22,000.00	Total Need

Estimated Income	
Contribution	Item Description
\$16,000.00	Orchestra Dues (based on 80 families paying \$200 each)
\$2,000.00	Yankee Candle Fundraiser
\$4,000.00	Carnation Sale and/or other Fundraiser Ideas
\$22,000.00	Total Income

In addition to the intangible benefits of our fees, each student will receive:

~ 1 Formal Concert Uniform rental for the year (\$90 - \$120 to purchase)

~ 1 Orchestra Polo (\$20 each)

~ 1 Orchestra T-Shirt (\$15 each)

~ 1 Banquet Meal Ticket (\$20 each)

PLEASE RETURN THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SHEET ALONG WITH PAYMENT

**All payments should be made by cash or check to:
“Kennesaw Mountain Orchestra Boosters” or “KMOB”**

On the envelope, include the following:

Student First and Last Name

Dollar amount

Check #

write “Orchestra Dues”

Please read the following and sign below. Return this sheet along with your payment.

If you need to speak with somebody about a financial hardship issue, check here ☐
and return this signed sheet. You can reach the boosters at kmobclub@gmail.com

1. I understand that my family is fully responsible for our orchestra dues payable to the Kennesaw Mountain Orchestra Booster Club (KMOB Club) in accordance with the published payment due date. KMOB incurs expenses throughout the entire semester and relies on all families staying current on due payments. I agree that KMOB may take appropriate steps to collect if I am delinquent.
2. I agree to keep my Student Account current and to promptly pay amounts due. I understand if I do not remain current on payments, I jeopardize the activities and opportunities for the entire ensemble as well as my own ability to participate.
3. I understand that only students with current accounts will receive their KM Orchestra uniform and/or spirit wear, and Orchestra Awards Banquet ticket.
4. I agree and understand that failure to pay dues may result in my removal from participation in the orchestra's extracurricular activities.
5. If for any reason I should leave the ensemble, I realize that any portion of my membership dues already paid will not be refunded.

Print Student First and Last Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date