ADDENDUM - PROGRAM FEES

Program Fees Due Date and Accepted Forms of Payment

The annual Orchestra Fees are due the fourth week of school. Payments must be made online through Presto Assistant. This is an online portal to streamline communication, finances, and inventory management. This is how FBISD Fine Arts organizations will collect funds to support their programs. Students can also bring cash or check payment. Please make checks payable to RTMS Orchestra and write your student's first and last name on the note line of the check.

Required Fees and Optional Fees

All students must pay their required fee. The line-item breakdown shows the cost of each required Orchestra item and event. Optional fees are for optional events, such as socials and trips. These fees and events are not required. *Please make a separate payment for required fees and optional fees.* If you need financial assistance, please contact Mr. Petree before the due date. Email: benjamin.petree@fortbendisd.gov

Orchestra Fees and Booster Club

The Ronald Thornton Booster Club is a separate entity. All required Orchestra program fees do NOT go to the Booster Club.

Required Program Fees Listed by Ensemble

25-26 Beginning Orchestra Fees - Required		
Item/Event	Cost	
25-26 Orchestra Shirt	\$10	
FBISD String Fling	\$10	
Pizza Fee	\$5	
Solo Contest Entry Fee	\$10	
Solo Contest Accompanist Fee	\$25	
TOTAL	\$60	

25-26 Concert Orchestra Fees - Required		
Item/Event	Cost	
25-26 Orchestra Shirt	\$10	
Uniform Rental & Dry Cleaning	\$10	
Pizza Fee	\$5	
Solo Contest Entry Fee	\$10	
Solo Contest Accompanist Fee	\$25	
TOTAL	\$60	

25-26 Philharmonic Orchestra Fees - Required		
Item/Event	Cost	
25-26 Orchestra Shirt	\$10	
Uniform Rental & Dry Cleaning	\$10	
Pizza Fee	\$5	
Solo Contest Entry Fee	\$10	
Solo Contest Accompanist Fee	\$25	
TOTAL	\$60	

25-26 Symphony Orchestra Fees - Required		
Item/Event	Cost	
25-26 Orchestra Shirt	\$10	
Uniform Rental & Dry Cleaning	\$10	
Pizza Fee	\$5	
Solo Contest Entry Fee	\$10	
Solo Contest Accompanist Fee	\$25	
TOTAL	\$60	

Instrument Use Fee (IUF)

The Instrument Use Fee (IUF) is required by the district for all students that use a school-owned cello, bass, and harp. Please refer to page 15 in the handbook. If you student is on free and reduce lunch, or needs financial assistance, please email Mr. Petree on or before September 5th. Email: benjamin.petree@fortbendisd.gov

Optional Fees

All events and fees below are optional (with the exception of the TMEA Region XIII Orchestra Audition, which is required only for 8th grade Symphony students). Payment due dates for each event will be posted on the calendar on the Orchestra website. Please make a separate payment for each of these optional fees. Payments should be made online using Presto Assistant. Late payments will not be accepted. Students can also bring cash or check payment. Please make checks payable to RTMS Orchestra and write your student's first and last name on the note line of the check.

25-26 Optional Orchestra Fees		
Optional Event	Cost	
7th & 8th Grade Houston Symphony Field Trip	\$20	
6th Grade Main Event Social	\$30	
7th & 8th Grade Main Event Social	\$30	
7th & 8th Grade Spring Trip (not yet confirmed)	\$54	
Ensemble Contest Entry Fee (Chamber Music)	\$10	
TMEA Region XIII Orchestra Audition (Required for 8th grade Symphony Students only)	\$20	