



What are Student Accounts?

The Ringgold Band Boosters, Inc. provides fund-raising opportunities for all band students through out the year. A percentage of profits from designated fundraisers, such as our annual fruit & nut sale, coke sales, football program ad sales are credited to student accounts. Information received at the time of each fundraiser will let you know what percentage of that fundraiser's proceeds are going toward your student account. *Student accounts are credit accounts not savings accounts.* As you build up your student account, that balance is yours to use to pay for band-related expenses only.

The following guidelines apply to student accounts:

- Student account money may be used to pay for most any band related expenses, such as the following: Band Fees, District Honor Band, All-State, Solo & Ensemble fees, Band trips. It may not be used for spirit gear (i.e. CD's, hoodie's, Ritz tickets, ect..)
- If a student wishes to use credits in his/her student account, a request must be submitted to the band booster treasurer. Forms can be downloaded at our website www.RinggoldBand.org or obtained at the Ringgold Middle & High Band Rooms or you may email the treasurer at RinggoldBand@RinggoldBand.org.
- Students cannot be reimbursed for prior purchases, nor can credits be withdrawn for personal spending money.
- Student Accounts cannot be transferred from one student to another. Exceptions: Graduating seniors may transfer any remaining funds into the account of a sibling.
- Any funds remaining in the account at the end of the school year are carried forward to the new school year, provided your student returns to the Ringgold Band program. Positive balances that are "forfeited" by a student leaving the Ringgold Band program are credited to the scholarship fund, and then used to assist qualified families in paying for band fees or for senior scholarships recipients.
- Student accounts are the property of the Ringgold Band Boosters, Inc. and may not be refunded in full or part to a student or their parents, as money is obtained from contributors on the premise that it will be used for band related expenses, it would be an illegal use of fundraising proceeds, and we must be in compliance with IRS guidelines for tax exempt organizations or we risk losing our 501c(3) status.)

One final note about fundraising. Because the primary goal of fundraising is to satisfy the ongoing and increasing needs of our band program, the Ringgold Band Boosters do promote several fundraisers during the year that directly benefit the Band Booster's general operating fund. These include, MS Lock in, Puttin On the Ritz, Food Lion Shop and Share, Staples Recycles for our Band and Nothing to Sale. Although individual accounts do not receive credit from these fundraisers, your student still benefits! Every member of the Ringgold Band Program watches, learns, participates, and progresses in an environment of musical excellence. And that excellence is supported and enhanced by all that we are able to provide through our general operating budget and our overall fundraising efforts. When we address the needs of the programs as a whole, Middle and High School, everybody wins!

Remember, the Ringgold Band Booster's treasurer is your best resource for answering questions regarding your student's account. Email the treasurer at ringgoldband@ringgoldband.org