THE PRIDE OF SOUTHSIDE

Band Registration Checklist 2026

- [x] **Read the Spring Newsletter**
- [?] **Register for Band** (GoogleForm on website)
- [x] **Attend Spring Training May 11-14**
- [x] **Attend Orientation Meeting May 19 (6pm)**
- [ ] **Purchase Uniform Items by May 31**
- [ ] **Pay Band Fees** - (payment plan)
- [ ] **Attend Summer Camp - July20-24; 27-31**

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- Get Real-Time Updates
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YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE 2026-2027

May

- Attend Spring Training & be fitted/pay for bibbers & shoes
- Attend the Orientation Meeting
    - Sign all registration forms
    - Receive info from the PMA Boosters / sign up for volunteer teams
- Pay online for bibbers/shoes/auxiliary uniforms/any outstanding fees

June

- Pay June's Membership Fee Installment ($75)
    - Online through MySchoolBucks or mail in check to the school
    - *(Sample sponsorship letters are available on the band's website)*

July

- Pay July's Membership Fee Installment ($75)
    - Online through MySchoolBucks or mail in check to the school
- Attend Summer Marching Band Camp
    - July 20-24; 27-31
    - 8 am – 12 pm; 5 pm – 9 pm
- All-State Band Audition Info Published

August

Attend all scheduled rehearsals & performances

- Pay August's Membership Fee Installment ($75)
- Serve on the Concessions Volunteer Team (Parents)
- Participate in the Coke Sale Fundraiser (Band)

September

Attend all scheduled rehearsals & performances

- Pay September's Membership Fee Installment ($75)
- Serve on the Concessions Volunteer Team (Parents)
- Co. EXPO @ GCHS – Tuesday, September 8
- Mid-South Marching Festival – Sat. September 25

October

Attend all scheduled rehearsals & performances

- DONE with Membership Fees!
    - Make any outstanding payments
- Purchase Formal Concert Attire
- Serve on the Concessions Volunteer Team (Parents)
- Bedsheet Fundraiser (Band)
- Covered Bridge Marching Contest – Sat. October 3, 2026
- Fall Concert / PMA Meeting – Tues. Oct. 27, 2026

November *Playoffs possible

Attend all scheduled rehearsals & performances

- Make any outstanding payments
- SHS Veterans' Program / Gadsden Veteran's Day Parade – Wed. November 4 or 11?

December *Playoffs possible

Attend scheduled rehearsals & performances *Playoffs possible

- Finish any outstanding payments /Concert Attire
- Southside Christmas Parade – Tues. December 1, 2026
- Gadsden Christmas Parade – Fri. December 4, 2026
- RBC Tree Lighting – Mon. December 7, 2026
- Band Christmas Concert – Thursday, December 11, 2026

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January 2027

Attend scheduled rehearsals & performances

- Concert Band Camps – Saturday, January 16, 2027
- All-State Band Auditions – TBA
- Percussion Classes begin – Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm
- Participate in the Domino's Pizza Card Fundraiser

February 2027

Attend scheduled rehearsals & performances

- District II Honor Band – TBA
- Percussion Classes – Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm
- MPA Preview / PMA Meeting – Thursday, Feb. 11, 2027
- State MPA – TBA

March 2027

Attend scheduled rehearsals & performances

- Percussion Classes – Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm
- State MPA – TBA
- Crimsonette Clinic/Auditions – March 8-12, 2027
- Drum Major Clinic/Auditions – March 8-12, 2027
- Colorguard Clinic/Auditions – March 15-19, 2027

April 2027

Attend scheduled rehearsals & performances

- Percussion Classes – Tuesdays, 5:30-7:00 pm
- All-State Band Festival - TBA
- Participate in the Cookie Dough Sale Fundraiser
- Spring Concert – Tuesday, April 27, 2027
- Spring Recital & Solo & Ensemble – TBA (4/29 & 5/1?)

May 2027

Attend scheduled rehearsals & performances

- Awards Banquet – Friday, May 7, 2027
- Spring Training – May 10-13, 2027
- Spring Game – Friday, May 14, 2027
- Orientation Meeting – Tuesday, May 18, 2027

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SECTION FIVE: Financial Information

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees are an unfortunate necessity as the Southside Band is a completely self-sustaining program. It takes approximately $60,000 per year to run the Southside band program. **The school district does not fund any of this expense**. Membership fees bring in roughly $30k, which means each year, we need to raise approximately $30,000 to $35,000! As an organization, we cannot operate and provide any level of experience/education for our students without a solid financial foundation. Every effort has been made to keep fees as low as possible while still providing the best year-round experience possible.

- Funds cannot be spent until they are received
- Fees are expected to be paid on time
- All payments MUST be made payable to **Southside High School**
- Online payments can be made through SHS's MySchoolBucks portal
- Statements will be emailed monthly

What to Pay

Financial Obligations	Amount	Due By
Membership Fees *Instrumental Members	$300	Due in full by September 4, 2026 *Paid in $50 increments June – Sept.
Auxiliary Member Fee **Reduced amount to accommodate other expenses*	*$100*	*September 4, 2026*
RMS Alternate Member Fee *MUST BE PAID VIA CHECK OR CASH – MySchoolBucks is enrollment specific	$50	June 5, 2026
School-Owed Instrument Rental *Any student using a school-owned instrument at any point during the school year	$50	August 14, 2026 (First full week of school)

Payment Schedule		
June Installment	*$75*	*June 5, 2026*
July Installment	*$75*	*July 3, 2026*
August Installment	*$75*	*August 7, 2026*
September Installment	*$75*	*September 4, 2026*

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ADDITIONAL COSTS

Resale items are any materials that students need to purchase in order to participate with the band (shoes, concert attire, auxiliary uniforms etc.) Per Alabama State law, no funds raised in the name of a public institution may be used to purchase items for private use. This means that students may not use fundraisers or credit to purchase items that they keep.

Instrumental Members

Items	Amount	Due By
Marching Shoes	$38	May 31, 2026 Purchased through online order form
Marching Bibbers (pants)	$85	May 31, 2026 Purchased through online order form
Gloves (*WHITE GLOVES THIS YEAR)	$6	May 31, 2026 Purchased through online order form
Member Jacket	$75	*Optional (Purchased through the band's online apparel store) May be ordered at any time

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is provided throughout the school year to help offset the cost of band membership fees and to provide money to the general band budget. Profits gained from individual fundraising projects are credited to individual students. Per state law, money raised in the name of Southside High School cannot be transferred anywhere else or be used for personal items, (aux. uniforms, tee shirts, other resale items etc.).

Estimated 2026-2027 Student Fundraisers

Coca-Cola Sale
Bedsheet Sale
Domino's Pizza Card Sale
Cookie Dough Sale

The PMA Boosters will operate several fundraising and sponsorship events and campaigns. We encourage everyone to get involved!

HOW TO PAY

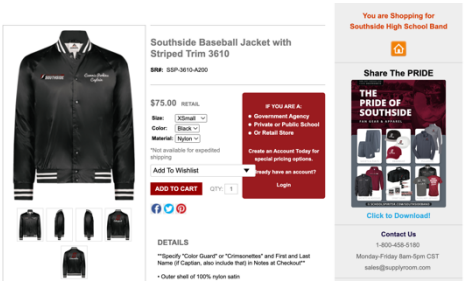
BAND FEES – SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

1. **MySchoolBucks (online payment) EAISEST WAY TO PAY**
   - Go to SHS's School Store portal and look for "BAND"
   - *Current 8th grade students will not be able to use MySchoolBucks until they are officially enrolled in SHS during the summer (after summer school has finished)*

2. **Check (made to SHS) or Cash dropped off or mailed**
   - If you are unable to use MySchoolBucks, you can mail a check, money order, or cash to the band room; or, drop it off to the lock box outside of the band office. ***Be sure to label payments with the child's name***

Member Jacket – Online Apparel Store

Visit The PRIDE's online store
Link on the band website's homepage.
Be sure to select the Auxiliary member jacket and denote Colorguard or Crimsonette in the checkout notes.
These will be shipped to you directly.



Bibbers, Shoes & Gloves

Bibbers, shoes, and gloves will be purchased through an online order form that is sent out from the directors. All orders are due May 30,

HELP! This is EXPENSIVE!!!

We get it. Being selected as an auxiliary section member is an honor, but costly. Here are two suggestions that might help you raise the necessary funds.

1. **Personal Letter to friends, family, or community groups**
   - Try writing to ask for financial help. Explain that you have been selected to this group, but need support to make that dream a reality.

   - Consider how you will approach each possible donor: in person, with a phone call, or by letter. A letter is a great choice for most donors; an email is NOT a good choice for most donors. Also, consider what you will ask of donors; you could ask for direct support for your fees.