



Central High School Music Boosters

Who are the Central High School Music Boosters?

We are YOU! The voting members of the CHS Music Boosters are the parents and guardians of the current students in Band, Choir, and Orchestra at Central High School.

How do I become a member?

If you have a student in band, choir, or orchestra – you are automatically a member! There is no membership fee and no application form. We just ask for your contact info (preferably e-mail) so we can keep you informed regarding meetings, events, and fundraising opportunities. Parents and guardians of current CHS music students are voting members. If you do not have a student in the program but would still like to support them, you're welcome as well but voting rights are limited to parents and guardians.

Current Officers for 2019/2020:

- President – Angie Comstock
- Vice President – Susan Gonsor
- Treasurer – Mary Ann Wieland
- Secretary – Cindy Fleckenstein

Mission Statement

As music boosters, our mission is to instill in students a lifelong appreciation and enjoyment of music by:

- Promoting interest in the music programs.
- Providing funds for equipment and expenses related to the music programs.
- Assisting the directors in the maintenance of this equipment.



The Music Boosters, as well as the Directors, are committed to making the music programs in the Aberdeen Public School District the finest in the state of South Dakota. Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the music programs are welcomed members of this organization.

Meetings

The Music Boosters meet the second Tuesday of every month (except December) at 7:00 pm during the school year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

What do the Music Boosters do?

We assist the Directors and various groups as needed with volunteer efforts such as chaperoning trips, loading/unloading, set up/take down, and coordinating the annual Pop, Popcorn, & Pops Concert. In short, we assist where we can! Also... we fundraise to help off-set any expenses outside of the school budget.

How do we fundraise?

The Music Boosters offer several fundraising opportunities throughout the year including:

- Concessions booth workers at CHS activities
- Red Wheel fundraiser
- Aberdeen Area Business Card sales
- Gift wrapping during the holiday season
- Helping the Exchange Club with posting flags on holidays

Your student has their own individual account!

The Music Boosters are a bit unique in that, while a small percent of all fundraisers go into the General Fund, each student also has their own individual account that is tracked and maintained by the Treasurer. For example, when a student sells items during the Red Wheel fundraiser, a percent of the sales they are responsible for will go directly into their account! The student can then use these funds for things such as instrument purchases/repairs, trip payments, and other music-related expenses (i.e. marching band shoes, show choir fees, orchestra t-shirt, etc.).

What do the Music Boosters do with the dollars in the General Fund?

- We help pay for some meals on music trips.
- We provide college scholarships and camp scholarships.
- We help with repair & enhancements to the school-owned instruments and equipment.
- We help pay for various medals and awards.
- We provide water & snacks for student music events/rehearsals.

How do the Music Boosters decide on what to pay for?

- We vote at the CHS Music Booster meetings. Show up - your vote counts.
- The Executive Board also has authority to make these decisions.

Some guidelines we use:

- Does it benefit the majority in the music program?
- Does it promote the growth, activity or improve the music program?
- Have the program leaders/students/parents/guardians been active in raising funds that contribute to the Music Boosters?
- Is it a required expense?
- Should this be an expense the Music Boosters assist with or should it be part of the school's budget?

How can YOU help?

- Come to the meetings!
- Sign up to help... and then show up to help.
- It takes a village... help with activities, events, and fundraisers as much as you are able. Many hands make light work!
- Don't worry that you may not know what to do. We were all in that position at one time!
- If you have ideas, share them!
- Do you shop on Amazon? Select CHS Music Boosters on [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=ain_text) as the organization to receive a percentage of your purchases.