



INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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Dear _____,

I am proud to announce that I will be participating with the Independence High School Band during the 2008/2009 school year.

I am writing to ask for your support of my membership in the band program as well as your support for the Arts in education. Each year, across the nation the Arts are the first programs to be cut during budgetary crisis faced by cities and states. Often viewed as expendable or frill programs, the Arts face a real threat from the uninformed. However, the No Child Left Behind Act passed by congress defines the Arts as a core academic content area for all children:

It's the Law

The definition of core subjects in the new law is located in Title IX, Part A, Section 9101 (1)(D)(11), Definitions.

Here is how the definition reads: (11) **CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS-** The term 'core academic subjects' means English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography.

It may surprise you to learn that high school band programs receive almost no financial assistance from the county. This lack of funding jeopardizes the wellbeing of the county instrumental programs and creates a system of high fee structures for members in order to participate in marching band. Operating and maintaing a healthy, successful, high quality band program comes with a high cost and fundraising efforts to meet this expense become more challenging every year. Parents and students bear the most weight of this challenge by being responsible for paying a fee for participation each year to cover their "fair share" of the program operating expenses. I am asking for your help.

This year the Independence Band will travel to Western Kentucky University and Indianapolis to compete in the Bands of America Regional contests which each feature 40 of the best band programs from around the country. Additionally, the band will compete in 5 more regional contests/exhibitions, perform at ten football games (Home & Away), and march in three local parades (4th of July, Veteran's & Franklin Christmas).

This year my student fee is \$840 and my trip fee is \$180. Any donation you make will help pay for music, equipment, transportation, maintenance, and supplemental instruction. You can make a difference by pledging your financial support. Any amount you pledge will be deposited directly in my student account and is 100% tax deductible.

Sincerely, _____ Independence Band

~~DETACH AND RETURN~~

<p>Independence High School Band 2008/2009 Season Sponsorship Donation Form</p> <p>Please check your desired donation level</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00 per performance (\$20.00)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$2.50 per performance (\$50.00)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 performance (\$100.00)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 performance (\$200)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 performance (\$400)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other donation \$ _____</p> <p>Please make checks payable to: IHSBBO 1776 Declaration Way Thompson's Station, TN. 37179</p>	<p>I would like to sponsor the following individual for the 2008/2009 season.</p> <p>Student Name: _____</p> <p>Sponsor Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please notify me by email of the progress and successes of the 2008/2009 Independence Band Program.</p>
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