

August 13, 2025

Dear Instrumental Musicians and Parents,

In 2011, Fort Bend ISD (FBISD) instituted an Instrument Use Fee for student use of school-owned musical instruments. To maintain FBISD's inventory of musical instruments in proper playing condition for current and future use, the Department of Fine Arts will assess each student using a District-owned, school-supplied musical instrument an \$100 Instrument Use Fee for the upkeep and repair of those instruments. The \$100 fee will be assessed yearly, regardless of the length of use (the fee will not be prorated for an instrument used only during part of the school year), or number of instruments issued (the single \$100 fee covers both concert and marching instruments). Additionally, students sharing school-owned instruments, including percussion instruments and larger string instruments, will be assessed the entire \$100 Instrument Use Fee. The Instrument Use Fee will be waived for any student enrolled in the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program at any campus. The Instrument Use Fee is due by Thursday, September 25, 2025.

The Instrument Use Fee may be paid in two ways. First—and the preferred way of payment—you may pay online with a credit card through your student's Presto Assistant account. Second, you may send cash, or a check made payable to Fort Bend ISD to your child's band or orchestra director. If you pay cash, your child's director will provide you with a receipt of payment.

To pay with a credit card, you must follow the steps outlined below:

1. Log into *Presto Assistant* with your designated email and password at <https://app.presto-assistant.com/>.
2. Select the "Make a Payment" button on the dashboard. On the next screen, you will see all payments due.
3. Next to Instrument Use Fee 2025-26, enter \$100.00 or the desired payment amount. Click "Next."
4. Securely enter your payment information. Presto Assistant does not store your credit card numbers. Click "Next."
5. Review your payment details. Confirm by selecting the checkbox and click "Submit."
6. By selecting "My Payments" in the left sidebar, you can view payments made for any students in Presto Assistant.
7. From the dashboard, you can also download financial statements.
8. For further information, you can access an informational video at <https://support.presto-assistant.com/videos/finances-walkthrough/#make-online-payment-as-a-parent>.

The Instrument Use Fee will enable FBISD to extend the lifespan of our musical instruments by generating a revenue source for the proper maintenance and preservation of these valuable assets. We appreciate your cooperation in this endeavor.

Sincerely,



James Drew
Director of Fine Arts
Fort Bend ISD