



PROUDLY SUPPORTING **DEKALB SCHOOL DISTRICT 428 MUSIC PROGRAMS**



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**DeKalb Music Boosters is a 501(c)(3)
Nonprofit Organization**

OUR MISSION

The mission of the DeKalb Music Boosters, as the primary advocate for the music programs of DeKalb School District 428, is to serve and assist the music performance programs and their directors. As Music Boosters, our overall purpose is to bring students an appreciation of making music as a lifelong activity.

2021 – 2022 OFFICERS

President – Tamara Farrell

Vice President – Jennifer Nichols

Secretary – Wendy Wakefield

Treasurer – Julie Jesmer

OUR ORGANIZATION

Having a child enrolled in any DeKalb School District 428 music program makes you a DeKalb Music Booster!

The DeKalb Music Boosters is composed primarily of the parents and guardians of District 428 music students. We encourage you to support the quality music opportunities available to our students.

Even if your student has graduated, you can still be a member of the Music Boosters as an alumni parent! Just ask one of our officers for details.

HOW WE HELP STUDENTS

With the help of donor support, DeKalb Music Boosters has given our young musicians educational and cultural opportunities beyond the walls of our schools.

In addition to contributing toward new band uniforms, we've helped our students attend numerous conferences and competitions including:

- DHS Orchestra to New Orleans
- DHS Band to Ireland; Thanksgiving Parades
- Middle and high school choral students to Kansas City
- DHS Enharmonic Fusion to New York
- CRMS/HMS Wireless Sound to Minnesota

Additionally, we provide the following annual support:

- Pumpkin Parade lunches for middle and high school bands
- Madrigal Dinners
- Drum Major camps
- Summer camp and graduating senior scholarships, totaling over \$2,000 in the 2018 – 2019 school year alone!
- And so much more!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **What is the DeKalb Music Boosters' purpose?** We provide supplemental funding and volunteer service to the school district's music programs. We support all orchestra, band and choir programs at Clinton Rosette Middle School, Huntley Middle School and DeKalb High School; and **new in 2021, we expanded to also provide support to elementary-level music programs!**
- **Where does the money go?** Funds may be used to supplement instrument, music and equipment purchases, to offset travel expenses, and to fund scholarships. We operate on a completely volunteer basis—our members donate their time and resources—to make this possible.
- **Do I have to attend monthly meetings to be a member?** We hope you will join us; however, we also understand the time of our meetings may not work out for you. We welcome your involvement and appreciate all levels of effort and input. There are many ways to participate and we invite you to contribute in any form you are able.
- **What are the best ways to help?** Encourage your student musician to share their love of music, help keep music playing in our schools and community, and **BECOME A PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF THE DEKALB MUSIC BOOSTERS TODAY!**

MEETINGS

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month, September through June. Join us in the Fine Arts Wing at DeKalb High School at 7:00 p.m. or via Zoom.

For updates on location and other meeting details, check our Facebook page and contact us anytime to be added to the email list at dekalbmusicboosters428@gmail.com.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

GIVE TIME

Participate in any of the following areas:

- Concession Sales
- Event Planning
- Annual Fruit Sale
- Parade/Concert Support
- School Liaison
- Grant Writing
- Corporate Fundraising

GIVE MONEY

Support the DeKalb Music Boosters in a variety of ways:

- During Give DeKalb County, the 24-hour online community giving event held annually in May. Our giving profile: [GiveDeKalbCounty.org](https://www.givedekalbcounty.org)
- Support the Music Boosters through your purchase during a fundraiser.
- Donations in any amount are appreciated any time of year!

MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:

DeKalb Music Boosters
P.O. Box 249
DeKalb, Illinois 60115

GIVE IDEAS

Attend a monthly meeting or contact us via email and tell us about your skills or connections that could benefit our mission.

GIVE APPLAUSE

We hope that you will be able to join us for a performance to support our students!

BECOME A MEMBER

To be a DeKalb Music Boosters volunteer, provide the following information in an email to dekalbmusicboosters428@gmail.com:

- Your name
- Home address
- Phone number
- Details about each of your music students – name, school, ensemble(s) and expected high school graduation year