

2024-2025 Blitz & Boom Fees and Policies for CAST, CREW, and BAND

Blitz & Boom are 100% financially supported through the collection of dues that are required for participation. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary for dues to be paid in full and paid on time so that Blitz & Boom may remain fully functional.

Failure to pay your dues in full and on time will result in the following:

1. You will be put on the Brandon Middle School fine list.
2. You will not be allowed to audition for future show choir opportunities at Brandon Middle School.
3. You will not be allowed to participate in additional show choir opportunities including but not limited to solo competitions, Brandon's Got Talent, Premier, ELITE, Finale, and other special events.
4. You will not be allowed to attend trips including competitions.
5. You will be removed from the group and have your schedule changed if your dues are not paid to date by August 1st. If the balance of your account is not paid on time and in full by December 31st, you will be removed from the group and your second-semester schedule will be revised accordingly.

All dues are non-refundable whether a student is removed from the group voluntarily or involuntarily even if the student is removed before school begins.

Costumes paid for with dues will remain the property of RCSD and will not be given back to students unless released at the discretion of the director.

TOTAL FOR THE YEAR

Blitz: \$2,215

Boom: \$1550

You can pay this one of three ways:

- upfront in full
- upfront every three months: (April-June - due April 30) (July-Sept - due July 30) (Oct-Dec - due Oct 30)
- Monthly payments (payment schedule below); failure to make payments as scheduled may result in removal from the program or placement in a pre-payment option.
- Whatever option you choose must be maintained for the duration of the program year. Any fees such as insufficient funds fees are the responsibility of the parent/account holder.

*Monthly Payment Calendar:

2024 Payment Schedule	BLITZ	BOOM
April 30	\$500	\$500
May 30	\$215	\$135
June 30	\$215	\$135
July 30	\$215	\$135
August 30	\$215	\$135
September 30	\$215	\$135
October 30	\$215	\$135
November 30	\$215	\$135
December 30	\$210	\$105
Total	\$2215	\$1,550
If payment is not complete by Dec 31st:		
	Blitz - 2215 + 100 = 2315	Boom - 1550 + 100 = 1650

Credit card payments are now accepted with a fee.

Please note if full payment is not complete by December 31, there will be a minimum \$100 late fee added to the total. In addition, students whose dues are not paid in full by December 31st may be ineligible to participate in competitions and other events and may not travel with the groups.

Dues payments are made to the Brandon Show Choir Association. This organization is run by our parent board members and volunteers. As such, the treasurers are not employed by us, and they are not expected to function as debt collectors. Therefore, your adherence to financial policies is critical.

Check this box if you believe that you will not be able to make your payments by the dates listed above and will need additional time to make payments.

By checking this box you may not be eligible for participation in Blitz or Boom, and you will be required to provide documentation to the Brandon Show Choir Association Board to be considered for possible eligibility. In all cases, full payment of dues is required.

POLICIES:

CALENDAR:

The calendar for Blitz & Boom can be found at Brandonbrio.com under the TBD tab. (The password is TBD). This is our official calendar and contains all of our practices, performances, and events.

REHEARSALS

Blitz & Boom members are encouraged to participate in other activities. However, they are also expected to be at all rehearsals and only miss a Blitz or Boom rehearsal when absolutely necessary. If a student needs to miss a rehearsal then the student and/or parent should let Mr. Butzin know by email. Missing rehearsals can result in a lower grade, removal from songs, and/or removal from the group.

PERFORMANCES

The CAST, CREW, and BAND are expected to attend ALL performances including those scheduled after the initial calendar release. The only reason permissible for a student to miss a performance is for illness with a physician's excuse or death in the family. Blitz & Boom members will receive a summative grade for every performance.

FUNDRAISING

Brandon Show Choir Association and Brandon Middle School are committed to providing fundraising opportunities to help offset the cost of dues. It is our goal to make participation in Blitz & Boom more affordable through fundraising. Some fundraising opportunities are for individual accounts and participation is optional. Other fundraisers are for the overall benefit of the groups, and participation is highly encouraged.

BEHAVIOR:

Blitz & Boom members represent Brandon Middle School on and off campus. Therefore, they will be disciplined for behavioral issues including behaviors that occur outside of the choir setting. Members of Blitz & Boom are placed in the drug testing pool along with all of the other members of Brandon Middle School activities. Bullying and hazing of any type will not be tolerated. Students are expected to follow all Rankin County policies, Brandon Middle School rules and regulations, and Mr. Butzin's class rules. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disciplinary consequences including but not limited to detention, principal involvement, removal from rehearsals, removal from performances, removal from trips, and/or removal from the group. Jacob Butzin, along with all directors of Brandon Show Choir will help enforce the rules and standards.

GRADES

Blitz & Boom members will, at the very least, be held to the same standards as Brandon Middle School athletes according to MHSAA regulations. At the discretion of the director and/or administration, a member can be pulled from class, rehearsals, trips, competitions, or possibly removed from the group in order to make sure that students are performing their best academically. In addition, please understand that Blitz & Boom are class periods. Therefore, Blitz & Boom members will receive a grade for their participation in class and after-school rehearsals. Each performance is counted as a summative grade.

APPEARANCE

Blitz & Boom members must wear their required costumes at the appropriate times during functions and events. This could include but is not limited to:

1. Female cast members will need to purchase and wear the approved make-up and possibly hair extensions if needed.
2. Male cast members may be required to cut their hair if it is considered too long for production.
3. Crew and band members will also have a costume, and they will be required to wear it when directed to do so.
4. In addition, all costumes will need to be well cared for so that they will last throughout the entire season.

STAGE PLACEMENT

Students are expected to give their best at all times. Furthermore, some students may not be allowed to perform on certain songs. In addition, sometimes blocking issues arise for the placement of students which could also cause certain students to not be used on all songs. All decisions regarding the placement of students in songs, placements on stage, solos, and any other performance-related decisions are up to the discretion of the directors.

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Blitz & Boom is a community effort. It is expected and required that parents donate their time and energy when possible wherever needed. This can include moving and setting up backdrops, risers, equipment, chaperoning trips, planning events, producing events, fundraising, or numerous other activities in which Blitz & Boom require assistance. All parents are required to sign up to work at least two events. Parent participation in our competition, Brandon Show Choir Elite, on March 23, 2024, is mandatory.

REMOVAL FROM BLITZ OR BOOM

Blitz & Boom is a yearlong commitment. Please note that Blitz & Boom are class periods (with the exception of some crew members). Being removed from Blitz or Boom requires a schedule change. Students generally have the first two weeks of school to make schedule changes as needed, but once that deadline is passed, only extenuating circumstances will be considered for removal from Blitz or Boom.

If a student is required to be removed from Blitz or Boom, either voluntarily or involuntarily, then that student may face the possibility of having to enter a class that they would not have initially chosen.

There will be absolutely no refunds for students that are removed from Blitz or Boom regardless of whether the decision is voluntary or involuntary even if the student is removed before school begins.

-----By signing this form I agree to the above-mentioned conditions and will commit to paying the required dues on time-----

Director: Jacob Butzin

Principal: Trey Rein

Student Name (Print): _____

Student Signature: _____ **Parent/Guardian Signature:** _____

The parent/guardian that signs above is also the Guarantor of payment and will guarantee that the dues are paid in full and on time.