

# Irondale High School Band Scrip Fundraising



## What Is Scrip?

The easiest fundraiser you will ever *do*! When you purchase Scrip, you're buying gift cards and eCards that are used just like cash, for places that you're already spending your money, but you're also getting a rebate. You can use Scrip to purchase everyday expenses like groceries, clothing, gasoline, coffee, and other essentials. With more than 700 participating retailers, you are bound to find cards for places where you are already shopping. And with every purchase, you earn revenue for the fundraising account of your favorite band student or, if you prefer, the Scholarship Fund, Equipment Replacement/Repair Fund, or Band's General Fund to help with specific instrument repair costs, purchases of replacement instruments, and many other needs.

## Get Started Today

1. Go to <https://shop.ShopWithScrip.com> to sign up.
2. Click "Register" and then "Join a Scrip Program" to create a ShopWithScrip account. IHS Band's enrollment code is: 188A8EA114589
3. Enter your information to set up an account.

### **Do not try to order until you have completed the next steps:**

4. Click "Dashboard" and then "PrestoPay" (lower right-hand corner) to enroll in ACH electronic payment (we ONLY process orders using PrestoPay. No checks!). Scrip will make *two small deposits* into your account.
5. When you see these deposits hit the account, sign back on to Scrip, open the Dashboard, and enter these amounts on the site. Scrip will then send you a PrestoPay Approval Code.
6. E-mail that PrestoPay Approval Code to Jeff Nordell (parent Scrip coordinator for IHS Band):  
IHSMK.Scrip@gmail.com
7. When both your **Approval Code** & signed **Waiver Form** (attached) are on file, your account will be authorized. You will receive a confirmation e-mail from the coordinator.

### **Now you can order!!**

Orders for plastic cards will close *every other week* on **Thursday at 2:00** (delivered one week later). Pick-up of plastic cards happens on *alternating Thursdays* at IHS. Check order for accuracy. Signature required to pick-up cards. Treat them like cash!

Scrip Coordinator  
scrip@irondalebands.org

# FAQ

I see a 'pay by check' option. Can I choose that one?  
NO!! We won't process these orders. They will be cancelled.

What's the ordering schedule for plastic cards?

## Alternating Thursdays for orders and pick-ups

Orders will close at **2:00 pm** on one Thursday and the next Thursday cards will be available for pick-up. Then the next Thursday will be order week, the following one is pick-up week, and so on.

**Pick-up Thursdays** – during the school year, cards can be picked up from **2:10-2:45 pm** in the band room and from **6:30-7:00 pm** in the band room at IHS

(**NOTE:** Summer hours will be verified in weekly emails but will usually be every other Thursday from 6:30-7:00 pm at the high school. Fall pick-up usually coincides with marching band rehearsals.)

Who can pick up cards?

We will release cards to you, your sponsored student, or any representative to whom you have given permission (they should know your order number when they come). When you receive your order, you'll be asked to check it over and then to sign for it. Your signature indicates the order was filled completely and accurately.

I wasn't able to get to the pick-up time. Can I make special arrangements to get my cards?

While missing or forgetting card pickup times is frustrating and unfortunate, please understand that with roughly 100 families participating in this fundraiser, the coordinators are unable to make special arrangements for individual families to do other pickup times. If you can't make it to the regularly scheduled pick-up times, it is perfectly acceptable to ask another band student, family, friend, or neighbor to stop by and grab your cards for you. We ask everyone to sign when they take cards, so there is a record of who got them.

Do the cards expire?

No.

How much money will I make?

It depends on how much Scrip you use and which cards you buy. Some retailers have 2% rebates, others go as high as 20%. Examples of current rebate amounts by retailer:

2–3% - Target, WalMart, Amazon.com, Shell, Menards, Toys R Us, Whole Foods, DQ, ShopKo, ...

4% - Cub, Kwik Trip, Kohl's, The Home Depot, Burger King, Holiday Stationstores, Wendy's, Best Buy, PetSmart, ...

7–9% - Buffalo Wild Wings, Barnes & Noble, Starbucks, Panera, AMC Theaters, Pizza Hut, Zappos, Noodles, ...

10% + - Cabela's, Chili's, Macy's, Bath & Body Works, American Eagle, Old Navy, Nike, Chipotle, 1-800-Flowers, ...

My student's grandparents want to help fundraise but live out of town. Any ideas?

Sure! Any family or friends who want to help support your child can Scrip just by following the same sign-up process you did (creating a Scrip account with our band's enrollment code, setting up PrestoPay, and signing the waiver), and 25% of the rebates will be credited to your student. If they order plastic cards, you will need to pick them up at school and mail or deliver them yourself, but there are dozens of reloadable cards and hundreds of national retailers that offer instant ecards (ScripNow) that they can print and use wherever they are, including:

Target

Barnes & Noble

Applebee's

WalMart

Kohl's

Zappos

Best Buy

Chipotle

Home Depot

iTunes

PetCo

GameStop

Amazon.com

Starbuck's

Pizza Hut

Pottery Barn

Stub Hub

Kmart

Buffalo Wild Wings

Bed Bath & Beyond

CVS Pharmacy

JC Penneys

Staples

Groupon.com

I bought a Starbucks or other retailer card at Starbucks. Can I reload it with Scrip?

No. All reloadable cards must be purchased directly from Scrip the first time. Scrip keeps track of the serial numbers on cards they sell and will only allow reloads to cards purchased originally through their program.

I bought a \$25 reloadable Cub card from Scrip. Can I only put \$25 on it?

No – you can reload it up to the retailer’s maximum balance amount, which for Cub is \$500. This varies by retailer – *PLEASE* check this max limit *before* you reload. Trying to exceed the limit will cause the entire reload amount to be rejected, which bounces the funds back to the band’s bank account. Don’t try to overload your reloadable cards.

What’s with the 15-cent charge?

Scrip charges a 15-cent PrestoPay processing fee per order, no matter how big or small the order is.

What’s [www.MyScripWallet.com](http://www.MyScripWallet.com) ?

Scrip recently added this site; it is designed to be used from your cellphone. **On this site you can only purchase eCards and reload plastic cards you already have.** Orders for plastic cards must be placed at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com).

What if I make a mistake while ordering?

Let the coordinator know right away and he will try to fix it. Once an order has been debited from your account—which happens immediately on ScripNow, but later on plastic cards—there is nothing we can do.

How do I know the balance in my child’s account?

The 25% portion of the Scrip rebate amounts are added to your student’s band account once a month, usually around the 10th. You can also check your Scrip total anytime at [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com):

1. On the home page, click on “Dashboard” at the top of the page, then “Reports” in the lower right-hand corner
2. Choose “Family Order Rebate Summary Report”
3. Choose a timeframe and hit ‘Run Report’

PLEASE Note: The amount listed on that report is the entire amount of the rebates that your account has generated. For our program, 25% of that amount will be credited to your child’s account to offset fees and other band related charges.

I have 2 kids in band but only 1 Scrip account. How do I raise funds for both?

There are several ways to handle this. The easiest is to pick one student to link to your Scrip account, have all funds flow to that student’s Band account, and then email the Band Booster Treasurer team when you need to transfer money to the other student to cover their expenses. Or you can physically go into your Scrip account and change the name yourself every so often, to balance the accounts (on Scrip, go to your Dashboard, select “Change profile” at the bottom, scroll to the bottom and change the name of the student. When doing this, please use your child’s legal name—the one used by the school district for official stuff—NOT a nickname).

My student is graduating but I’d like to continue supporting the band. Can I still do Scrip?

Absolutely! We have set up a Band General Fund for this very purpose, and we appreciate every contribution you’re willing to make. In fact, with more than 100 retailers offering reloadable cards and over 300 who offer instant ScripNow ecards, you can continue Scrip-ping from home without ever needing to stop by the school to pick up plastic cards. At the end of the year, the total amount of your donation to the band is fully tax deductible under sections 170(f)(8) and 170(f)(17) of the IRS Code (see Item 1 on the Waiver Form).

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# Waiver Form

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## *Irondale High School Band Booster Club Scrip Program*

### **Program rules and policies**

- 1) Scrip rebates are shared 50% with a student account of your choosing, the Scholarship Fund, or the Equipment Repair/Replacement Fund, and 50% with the General Band Fund, OR 100% to the General Band Fund as you indicate below. Scrip rebates deposited in a student account are neither taxable nor tax-deductible (IRS PLR-118535-09). The portion of the Scrip rebates deposited in the Scholarship Fund, Equipment Repair/Replacement Fund, and the General Band Fund are fully tax deductible and will be acknowledged under sections 170(f)(8) and 170(f)(17) of the IRS Code.
- 2) All Scrip ordering is done online using PrestoPay.
- 3) Any payment returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF) will incur a \$30 fee payable to Irondale Band Boosters. We reserve the right to close a Scrip account after two NSF occurrences.
- 4) Scrip certificates are not returnable, except directly to Great Lakes Scrip Center following their strict guidelines.
- 5) When you pick up your Scrip certificates, open your order immediately and verify its accuracy. Your signature on the Weekly Order Pickup List indicates you have received your order in its entirety.
- 6) Scrip certificates are the same as cash, and should be handled accordingly. Irondale High School Band Booster Club will not be responsible for certificates that are lost, stolen or misplaced while in your possession.
- 7) You must sign and return this WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY form before your Scrip PrestoPay account will be authorized. This form will be kept on file.
- 8) Irondale High School Band Booster Club makes no representations or warranties of any kind with respect to the scrip.

### ***Yes! I'm ready to participate in the Irondale High School Band Booster Scrip Program***

First Name	Last Name	
Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone	E-mail	

*I have read and understand the rules and policies listed above, and I agree to abide by these policies*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### ***Please use my Electable rebate portion to support the fundraising account of (choose one)\*:***

- Student's Name\*:* \_\_\_\_\_
- Scholarship Fund*
- Equipment Repair/Replacement Fund*
- Irondale High School Band Booster Club General Fund*

\*Note that 50% of rebates will go to support the student's account, and 50% of rebates will go to the General Fund.