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Booster Volunteer Credits vs. Direct Payments: Explanation & Policy

The Tate Band Program utilizes two distinct financial systems to support student participation: Booster Volunteer Credits and Direct Payments. It is important to understand the difference between the two, as they are managed and refunded in different ways.

1. Booster Volunteer Credits

Booster credits are earned through participation in fundraisers or volunteer events, including but not limited to:

- Concession stand volunteering
- Pensacola Fair shifts
- Crawfish Festival volunteering
- Gift wrapping volunteering
- Any other approved fundraising/volunteer opportunities

Important Notes About Booster Credits:

- Booster credits are not cash contributions and cannot be refunded under any circumstances.
- These funds are generated by the Tate Band Boosters Inc. and are held in trust for use toward your student's band-related expenses.
- Booster credits are non-transferable to cash and cannot be withdrawn or cashed out at the end of the school year or at graduation.
- Every 45–60 days, any outstanding negative balances on your student's account may automatically be covered by available booster credits. The Treasurer will notify you in advance of this action.
- At the end of your student's tenure with the band program, you may elect to donate your remaining booster credits to an underclassman. If no donation designation is made, the remaining credits will be reabsorbed into the general donation fund to support overall program needs.

2. Direct Money Payments

Direct payments are out-of-pocket payments made by families for student expenses.

Refund Policy for Direct Payments:

- Direct money paid into your student's band account is eligible for a refund only at the end of your student's tenure with the Tate Band Program (e.g., at graduation or if the student leaves the program permanently).
- Refund requests must be submitted no later than April 30 of the student's graduating year.
- Refunds are not available at the end of a school year if the student is returning the following year.
- All refunds will be reviewed and issued through Tate Band Boosters Inc. Funds.