

## Excellence in Education 2023 Grant Application

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The North Tahoe High School Band program has been an institution in the community for decades. It has produced an incredible amount of fine musicians and has enriched the north shore of Lake Tahoe and surrounding areas with its music. The NTHS band program's goal is to give students a strong musical education and an experience in the arts through classes such as Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Guitar Class, and Music Production. In addition we celebrate students' successes by performing numerous times throughout the year both in and outside of the school setting.

We are applying for a grant in order to allow us to purchase cases to protect our very valuable and expensive tubas as well as quality amplifiers for our Jazz Band rhythm section.

New tuba cases will extend the life of the instruments by decades by allowing them to be properly protected and stored. It will also allow for them to be safely transported to performances outside of school. The current tuba cases are falling apart and being held together by tape in order to travel to a performance. New cases will be such a benefit to the many musicians who will use them in the future.

New amplifiers will provide our bass, piano and rhythm section much improved sound quality at loud volume, which is necessary when we are playing in large areas like an outdoor stage or large elementary school gym. Our current keyboard and bass amps are small and tend to distort even when playing in small areas like our band room. I personally own these amplifiers and know they last up to at least 15 years. They are a great investment for a touring jazz band.

Thank you for considering funding these items which will benefit our program for years to come.