

## Preparing for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo Music Festival

Gather necessary documents such as passport, medical records, etc. ...  
Cost of the World Expo will be \$3,350. (cost may vary depending upon several factors) Various fundraising opportunities will be available through April 30, 2010. These fundraising opportunities include:

ECA Donations - Students and families may earmark a donation through the Arizona Tax Credit program. If earmarked so, 100% of ECA donations made in a student's name will be directed toward the students next payment.

My Sport's Dream - This will be an opportunity for our out-of-state friends and family to support the Dobson Band program.

Dobson Band Fundraisers - Dobson Band Parents Association (DBPA) will sponsor various fundraisers throughout the year. Students will have the opportunity to direct their fundraising efforts toward several Dobson trips including the trip to China. This will include drawings, carwashes and other efforts.

Dobson Pullanthropy - Additional information will be coming soon

## Payment Schedule

May 7, 2009	-	Provide first payment of \$100
September 14, 2009	-	Provide payment of 20%
November 9, 2009	-	Provide payment of 20%
February 8, 2010	-	Provide payment of 25%
March 22, 2010	-	Provide Final payment

Track your student's payment at: [www.charmsmusic.com](http://www.charmsmusic.com)

## How can I afford to pay for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo Music Festival?

This is a good question. It will happen with family support, good fundraising, support from the community and the knowledge that Dobson Music will proudly represent Mesa Public Schools and the United States of America at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo Music Festival.

\* Family Support - Family support will be necessary. Each two parent family may avail themselves of the ECA State Tax Credit program. By making a donation of \$400 in 2009 and \$400 in 2010 a student is 25% of the way.

Students and parent can follow a student's progress at [www.charmsmusic.com](http://www.charmsmusic.com)  
The above payment is eligible for the Arizona state income tax credit as allowed by Arizona Revised Statute 43-1089.01. The tax credit is limited to \$200 for a single individual or \$400 for a married couple.

\* Good Fundraising - Each student should visit with friends and extended family members. These people will be given the opportunity to donate through the ECA State Tax Credit program. By working with four single individual donations of \$200 a student is another 25% of the way.

\* Community Fundraisers - Students interested in receiving financial assistance on the final payment will be expected to participate in various fundraising efforts. There will also be various individual student fundraisers. These individual fundraisers will give students an opportunity to earn money toward the trip.

Some things to remember:

** Family donations through the ECA Tax credits program	<u>% of Goal</u> 50%
** Fundraisers by students	5 - 25%
** Parent financial support	25 - 40%

*For help with fundraising, please utilize a red China Folder. This will assist you as you talk about the ECA tax credit with family and close friends.*