

Dear Parent,



Your child has the opportunity to enroll in Private Lessons with a professional music instructor to help foster their musicianship and help them excel in the band program. Private lessons are the best way to improve individual skills and can help students achieve higher levels of performance on their instrument. Lessons are taught one-on-one by district-approved teachers. The lesson is scheduled in a weekly time slot and can range from 20mins-1 hour. The price is determined by the education and experience of the teacher. We also offer financial aid and scholarships for students who qualify. Buddy lessons are allowed, where two students of similar skill levels take lessons together and split the cost.

Cost of private lessons are as follows:

| Teacher Level | Recent High School Grad | Non-Degreed Teacher | Degreed Teacher | Master Teacher |
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| Max Rate Per Minute | \$0.50 (\$15/30min) | \$0.75 (\$22.50/30min) | \$0.87 (\$26/30min) | \$1.00 (\$30/30min) |

Please select the following options, sign, and return. Students must return the form after parent consideration, even if the parent is not interested in lessons. If the price is not viable for you, you may also apply for financial assistance.

| Student Name | Instrument(s) | Parent Signature | Date | Enroll In Lessons? | Apply for Fin. Aid? |
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| | | | | YES / NO | YES / NO |

If you have decided to enroll in lessons, a director will speak with the student and available teachers to find a designated lesson time every week. Once a time has been agreed upon, and the rate has been communicated and accepted, this form will act as a contract between the parent, student, and teacher to ensure that lessons are consistent with both attendance and payment. The default policy for missing and rescheduling lessons is that the student must still pay for the cost if the instructor is not given at least 48 hours notice. Frequent misses and rescheduling could also result in the student losing their lesson slot. The full reschedule and refund policy is ultimately decided by the teacher and should be communicated between the student and the teacher. The payment method and payment frequency are to be determined by the teacher in agreement with the parent. Communication and consistency are of utmost importance when scheduling and attending lessons. Lessons that must be rescheduled or canceled by the teacher will be credited.

— Complete the rest of this form only if applying for Financial Aid—

Anyone can submit a scholarship application, but not all will qualify. As part of the program, the Booster Club will supply some or all of the cost of the lesson, and the student will provide the remainder. To receive assistance, students must be members of a student organization that actively participates in interscholastic competition and remain in good standing the entire school year. Financial aid eligibility is determined by the directors based on factors such as dedication, attendance, academic standing, and financial need. Aid can be given or taken at the discretion of the head band director.

In addition to signing this form, **please write a note on the back of this sheet specifically stating the reason that assistance is necessary.** All information will be held strictly confidential.

To maintain assistance:

1. Students must demonstrate a positive attitude and maintain satisfactory citizenship/conduct and an average of 80 or better in the band.
2. Students must attend all functions and activities of the band unless excused by the director.
3. Students will perform a prepared solo on their instrument to a satisfactory level at either a solo and ensemble competition or to a band director.
4. Students will audition for and (if accepted) participate in Region Band or a Director-approved equivalent.

