# Private Music Instruction Fort Bend Independent School District

## **Instructors**

Instructors are recommended through the Director of Fine Arts and are allowed to use school facilities in order to provide a service to both the school music program and the students. These instructors may be public school music teachers, professional musicians, or advanced music students from the various universities in our area. Private lessons may also be offered by professional musicians and teachers off campus. These lessons are typically taught in an individual's home or at a music store. Parents and students may certainly utilize these off-campus opportunities if accessible. However, the cost of these lessons is not controlled by the Fort Bend Independent School District. The private lessons taught on Fort bend ISD Campuses are offered as a service to interested students and parents. Private lessons are not required to participate in the course.

### Fees

The fee for each lesson will be \$27.00. All financial arrangements will be made individually with the private lesson teacher and fees will be paid directly to him/her.

A limited number of need-based ½ scholarships are available. Students must turn in the Private Lesson Scholarship Application by August 23<sup>rd</sup> to be considered. Students must meet certain criteria listed on the application to be eligible for the scholarship.

## **Scheduling**

This program consists of one 30-minute lesson per week. <u>DMS Band Lessons will regularly take place on Wednesday afternoons</u>. Alternative days/times may be available for some instruments depending on the teacher's availability. No lessons will be taught during school holidays.

# **Supervision**

During the times that individualized music instruction is being offered, a district professional employee or an adult volunteer will be in the area and will be accessible to both the student and the private teacher.

#### Material

All method books and related materials will be furnished by the student (students are to bring their band music and exercises to their lessons). The private lesson teacher is responsible for selecting and ordering other necessary literature.

## **Attendance**

Students are expected to attend every scheduled lesson. If a student is unable to attend a lesson, he/she should notify the lesson instructor at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled lesson time, otherwise the lesson is considered unexcused and the fee is forfeited. The private music instructor should be expected to show the same courtesy to the student.

## **Termination**

Any parent may terminate private lessons for their child by bringing a note (or email) stating that the lessons are to be discontinued. This should be done at least 24 hours before the next scheduled lesson.

To sign up for private lessons, <u>Click here and submit this form</u> by Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Late sign-ups will be accepted, but availability may be limited.