



KISD PRIVATE LESSON POLICY

What are lessons??

All KHS band students are highly encouraged to enroll in private lessons. Private lessons offer your child a unique experience that he or she cannot receive in a regular classroom setting. If you choose to participate in the program, your son or daughter will meet with a private instrumental specialist once a week at an arranged time. Lesson times range from thirty minutes to an hour. During this time, your student will have 100% of the instructor's attention. These lessons will be geared toward helping your son or daughter become a truly great musician by teaching them how to improve their musical skills. While we as a band staff strive to work with each student regularly, we are limited because of class size and time.

Participation

Private lessons are optional. For all students, private lessons can be a great asset to their artistic and performance ability. Private lessons are highly recommended for any student that wish to make faster progress and gain more enjoyment from the arts.

Lesson Times and Location:

- The private lesson instructor will schedule lessons with only students who signed up for the program.
- The day to which a student is assigned depends upon the availability of the private lesson instructor.
- Lessons usually occur weekly. Less frequent lessons are not an option.

Student's Responsibility to the Private Lesson Instructor

- Prepare for each lesson.
- Practice at least 30 minutes per day on their lesson assignment.
- Be warmed-up properly before the lesson begins.
- Record the private lesson instructor's contact information (email/phone number).
- Follow attendance policy.

- Supply materials required by instructor. The materials are typically low cost and are the responsibility of the student. Such materials may include method books, specialized supplies, solos, etc.

Private Lesson Instructor's Responsibility to the Student and district/Boosters

- Provide student a quality private lesson that contributes positively to the development and continual improvement of the student as a musician, performer, or artist.
- Instill an appreciation for the arts
- Exhibit professional characteristics and demeanor in attitude, appearance, behavior and responsibility in every activity germane to private lesson instruction. Provide students with contact information (email & cell phone #)
- Submit any scholarship invoice once a month. We will not accept multiple invoices at a time.

Financial Considerations

- Payment is to be made directly from the student to the private lesson instructor.
- Payment schedules and payment policies will be established by each private lesson instructor and communicated to the students they teach.
- Payments are to be made on the due date set by the private lesson instructors.
- Checks are to be made payable to the individual private lesson instructors.
- Lesson fees- \$20-25 per half hour lesson.

Financial Assistance

We understand that there may be a need for financial assistance for your student to participate in the private lesson program. Financial assistance is reserved for the families/students with extenuating circumstances (personal/financial) that participating in private lessons would cause undue hardship. This program does not provide free lessons, but shares the cost with the family. Financial assistance is not guaranteed.

Absences

If, for any reason, the necessity for an absence occurs, the private lesson instructor must be notified at least 24 hours prior to the time of the lesson. This is so the private lesson instructor has an opportunity to adjust his/her schedule. This is the Private Lesson Instructor's livelihood. Every effort should be made to respect their time schedule and to provide communication of expected or unexpected absences (emergency) as early as possible. Failure to notify the private lesson instructor promptly may result in failure to rearrange the schedule and full payment for the lesson may be due. This is the reason to record the private lesson instructor's phone number and contact information. Please do not call the band/choir directors to leave messages for the instructors. It is the student or parent's responsibility to make direct contact with the instructor

24 hours in advance in order to avoid being charged! Emergency excuses are at the discretion of the private lesson instructor.

Excused Absences:

- Student illness and emergencies of a serious nature (death or serious family illness).
- Other absences approved by the private lesson instructor in advance

Tardies:

- Students who are late to the scheduled lesson will only receive the remaining time allotted to him/her and will be charged for a full scheduled lesson.

Lesson Termination / Dropping

A private lesson instructor may drop a student for the following reasons:

- Failure to pay private lesson fees.
- Frequent unexcused absences.
- Other contributing factors as discussed by Instructor and campus director.
- Parents may terminate private lessons at the end of the month with advance notice to the Private Lesson Instructor and Mr. Morales/Ms. Caves. The final lesson date should be discussed with the Instructors to accommodate for payments received.

Written Notice Required

Termination of lessons by the parent, private lesson instructor, or school program director will be accomplished by written notice only (email is acceptable). **A 24-hour notice must be provided before the last lesson or payment may be expected.**