

Desert Ridge High School Bands

Contract and Form of Intent Individual Private Lessons on Campus

This year, students have an easy opportunity to take private lessons here at Desert Ridge HS after school! This comes from several successful models in Texas band programs. It is a fantastic way for students to get private instruction without locating qualified teachers and going out of your way on a weekly basis.

The private lesson system:

1. Students get a 30-minute lesson once a week. This lesson occurs after school on the day that the instructor and your student are available. Unfortunately, this may require some adjustment and scheduling, so please be flexible
2. The private teachers have generously agreed to charge \$30 per half hour.
3. The lesson will be scheduled by the private teachers based on availability.
4. **You will be paying the teacher for anywhere from six (6) to eight (8) lessons at a time to cover a quarter of school (up to Fall Break and Spring Break). The amount per lesson will be \$30.** The payment (cash preferred) is given directly to the private teacher.

Please note: **This fee is not paid to Desert Ridge HS Bands!**

The private lesson on campus benefits:

1. **This system saves time.** In general, students who take lessons have to travel to the teacher, take a lesson and then travel home (on average a 2 hour commitment). Taking lessons after school saves time for both student and parent.
2. **This system provides high quality instruction.** We are only hiring outstanding, qualified individuals to teach lessons with your students.
3. **This system greatly improves your student.** This will help your students be more competitive with Regional and All State Ensemble auditions, which provides opportunities for scholarship when applying for college.
4. **Better Desert Ridge HS bands.** Improved musicianship within the DRHS Band Program. With more students taking lessons, the bands will be more musical and will perform at a higher level.

****Please understand this is offered for you and your student(s)' benefit.** I have received numerous comments about how students would take lessons but they couldn't get transportation or they couldn't work it into their schedules. This is our solution to these concerns!

Please fill out the information below and **return as soon as possible** so that we can start our instruction.

Name _____ Student ID# _____ Grade _____

Instrument for Lessons _____ Circle One: Jazz or Concert or Both

Parent Name _____ Best Phone Contact _____

Parent Email Address _____

I understand the expectations herein this contract and form of intent, and commit to paying for at least a quarter of private lessons with the intention of registering for private lesson for the full year (two semesters) at DRHS. If at any point I am dissatisfied with the quality of the system, I will fulfill the quarter and exercise the option to discontinue registration the following quarter. I understand that there will be NO REFUNDS for private lessons since the instructors are contracted to the full quarter as well.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____