

# AISD Private Lesson Program Information

The future success of the Aubrey ISD Band Program will be due in large part to our private lesson program. The band directors have interviewed numerous musicians in the area and continue to hire highly qualified specialists to teach our students and supplement the band program. A large majority of our instructors have bachelor's or master's degrees in music and perform in numerous performing groups around the area as well as maintain successful studios in other districts.

Private lessons are an opportunity for your child to receive one on one help with a specialist on their particular instrument. Private lessons benefit young musicians of all ability levels. Students receive mostly group instruction during their band time. The larger bands often have a class size of anywhere from 35-50 students at one time. In order for a student to continue to develop their skills private lessons are strongly recommended by the directors. The more advanced student can move ahead of the class and continue to excel at their level, often learning skills and techniques that are very difficult to achieve in a full band situation. The less advanced student can benefit from lessons by receiving the extra attention that is needed to build confidence and continue to progress at a pace that is comfortable for them without the added pressure of keeping up with the class. Lesson teachers are able to spend time on specific needs of each individual.

We are very fortunate to be able to offer an outstanding lesson staff. We hope that you will consider enrolling your child in lessons!

## **COST**

The AISD Band Budget and the Aubrey Band Boosters will be paying \$6 towards each lesson that our AISD students take. This will bring the cost down significantly for our band families. The cost for the student/parent will be \$15 for a 22 or 30-minute lesson, or \$25.50 for a 45-minute lesson (after the \$6 credit towards each lesson). It is essential that any student receiving lessons during class be prompt at arriving to class and is outside the door waiting to enter at their assigned lesson time. In the event that a student does not receive their full lesson times due to uncontrollable situations that may arise in the school day, the instructor will be sure to make up the difference and will work this out with the student and family to meet the time requirement. For students who would like to sign up for a group lesson (2 students), those will be offered for the 45 minute lesson only; students will split the \$25.50 and the cost will be \$12.75 per student.

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## **PAYMENT**

Payment for private lessons should be made directly to the private lesson teacher for the month in advance. If you are in need of special payment arrangements, you may talk to your lesson teacher to work out the details. Students that are delinquent with payments are subject to removal from the private lesson program.

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## **FINANCIAL AID AND REQUIREMENTS**

On top of the AISD Band Budget and the Aubrey Band Boosters paying \$5 towards each lesson, there will be an additional opportunity for further assistance.

The following are requirements to be considered for financial aid:

1. The student must have a strong desire to take private lessons and have a good work ethic.
  2. The student must maintain excellent classroom discipline and strong practice habits.
  3. The student must attend their lessons regularly and on time.
  4. All students receiving financial aid will receive a half scholarship.
  5. Students and parents will receive an email notifying them whether or not their application has been accepted or denied.
  6. Students that are approved to receive financial aid are required to pay their share of the cost of lessons in a timely manner.
  7. Financial aid will be given on a first come first serve basis assuming requirements have been met and money is available.
  8. Financial aid will not be given for unexcused absences from a lesson.
  9. Parents of students receiving a scholarship are expected to volunteer for at least 3 band booster events throughout the school-year.
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## **ABSENCES**

It is the student's/parent's responsibility to notify a lesson teacher at least 24 hours in advance of any absences. The student/parent is responsible for payment if notification has not been made in a timely manner. Exceptions will be made for uncontrollable situations such as illness or family emergencies. Students with excessive unexcused absences may lose their lesson spot and be asked to discontinue lessons. Lesson teachers are also responsible for notifying the student or parent if they will need to miss a lesson. Excused absences will be made up in a timely manner and will be credited towards the next payment.