



WEST MESQUITE HIGH SCHOOL BURNT ORANGE BAND

2500 Memorial Pkwy. Mesquite, TX 75149

West Mesquite High School Band Music Enrichment Program (Private Lessons) Information

Your student is interested in participating in the Mesquite Independent School District/West Mesquite High School Music Enrichment Program. Through individual study with a specialist on their instrument, each student will develop to their fullest potential in their musical endeavors.

How does the program work?

Private lesson teachers for West Mesquite High School have gone through a screening process to ensure that their methods of instruction and their personal experience will be beneficial to the students of the WMHS "Burnt Orange Band." After this screening process, teachers will then create a teaching schedule for each student participating in private lessons.

Each student will receive one (1) thirty-minute private lesson per week. These lessons will occur according to a schedule agreed upon by the student and private teacher. Every effort is made to accommodate those students who might need their lesson during band class (i.e. transportation concerns, morning/afternoon conflicts, etc.).

How much does each lesson cost?

Each lesson will cost \$17.00 for the thirty minute lesson. This amount is determined by Mesquite ISD.

This year, the WMHS band can offer a scholarship of \$7.00 per lesson for some students. The cost to the individual student would then be reduced to \$10.00 per lesson. The student is responsible for the remaining lesson fee (\$10), and they will pay it directly to the lesson teacher by check (written to the name of that teacher) or by cash. In rare cases, full scholarships may be available. Some teachers may request payment for a full month in advance or allow week-to-week payments. Either way, it is important that each lesson teacher be paid on time. Students may not stop taking lessons or paying for lessons during the middle of a semester unless deemed necessary after a parent/director/student meeting.

How do I qualify for scholarship money?

Attached to this letter is a scholarship request form to be completed and returned to your band director. The questions will aid us in distributing the scholarship funds in a fair way. It is important that this money be used for students who absolutely need this scholarship. That being said, no student will be denied private lessons for financial reasons. Students who receive scholarship money will be held to a list of criteria throughout the school year to ensure satisfactory progress on their instrument as well as effective use of the scholarship money.

What next?

If you are interested in private lessons, complete the attached Private Lesson Interest form and return it to your band director. We will set up a time for your lesson depending on your preferences.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact any director at the information below.

Thank you!



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West Mesquite High School Band Private Lesson Contract

Student name: _____

Instrument: _____

In participating in the Music Enrichment Program at West Mesquite, the named student above agrees to:

1. Attend each lesson with assignments prepared as prescribed by the lesson teacher.
2. Provide prompt payment for each lesson as agreed upon between the student/parent and teacher.
3. Notify your lesson teacher of any known absence at least 24 hours in advance. At the teacher's discretion, a make-up lesson may be scheduled.
4. Continue lessons through the end of the semester, unless an exception is made.

I can do / can't do (circle one) lessons before school, between 7:00am and 8:30am.

I can do / can't do (circle one) lessons after school, between 3:45pm and 5:30pm.

MOST lessons will be during your class period. If you cannot be available before or after school, we will attempt to schedule your lesson during your class period. However, during class is not always available due to the number of students wanting lessons.
Please try to be flexible in your scheduling.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

To also request scholarship assistance, please complete the OTHER SIDE of this form and return it to the band office. Please feel free to contact one of us with any questions.



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West Mesquite High School Band Private Lesson Scholarship Application and Contract

To request scholarship assistance, please complete this form and return to the band office.
Please feel free to contact one of us with any questions.

Student name: _____

Instrument: _____

Number of MISD students in household: _____

Number of MISD band students in household: _____

Does the named student above (requesting scholarship) qualify for the free/reduced lunch program: Yes/No

In receiving scholarship money from West Mesquite HS/MISD, the named student above agrees to:

1. Attend each lesson with assignments prepared as prescribed by the lesson teacher
2. Provide prompt payment for each lesson as agreed upon between the student/parent and teacher
3. Notify your lesson teacher of any known absence at least 24 hours in advance. At the teacher's discretion, a make-up lesson may be scheduled
4. Make satisfactory progress on your instrument in regards to
 - Tone
 - Technique
 - Intonation
 - Musicianship
 - Sightreading
 - Basic music theory
 - Practice techniques
5. Maintain eligibility for all UIL performances
6. Prepare All-Region music to an appropriate level for the specific student
7. Prepare a solo for Solo & Ensemble in February
8. Attend all required performances of the West Mesquite Band program
9. Continue lessons through the end of the semester.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____