

Depoali Middle School Band

Private Teacher Info Letter

Dear Band Parents/Guardians,

I want to take this opportunity to let you know about the possibility of private music lessons for your child. In a private lesson, your child would meet with a specialist on their instrument on a regular basis. If you have noticed that your child has really taken to their instrument, this would be a great next step. Students who have private teachers are usually among the best players in band and are also usually those who earn college music scholarships.

You can find a list of local teachers at www.washoemusicconnections.weebly.com or for video chat lessons www.thezoen.com. When you contact them, please be prepared to ask them the following questions:

- How much they charge for a lesson. *(30 minute lessons are good for 6th grade and I recommend 45-60 minute lessons for 7th/8th grade)*
- What times they have available.
- Do they do lessons weekly, bi-monthly, etc. *(if money is tight, taking lessons every other week is a good compromise).*
- Where they teach *(at home, at a studio)* or if they will travel to your home *(this usually costs more).*
- Their music education/experience. Do they have a music degree? How many years have they been teaching?

When starting a new private teacher, I recommend doing the first few lessons on a trial basis to ensure that the teacher and student are a good match. Also, call a few teachers to get their rates before deciding on one.

If you have any questions about this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me either by email or by leaving a message at school.

Sincerely,

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