



Cooper Junior High Patriot Band

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WYLIE MUSIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (Private Lessons)

Dear Band Parents:

WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE to provide an amazing opportunity for our young musicians to enrich their music experience. We are proud to have some of the state's finest private teachers on our private teaching staff! These teachers have degrees in music and are professional musicians and teachers in the greater Dallas area.

Due to many factors, a group band class is limited in its pace and in the amount of material that can be covered. Since private instruction is tailored to the individual student's needs, a student can be guided beyond these limitations. Small problems can be recognized and corrected. Fundamental concepts will be reviewed and reinforced. Students who are ready to move beyond the pace of the class will be guided by a knowledgeable professional. In short, private lessons open the door to a world of possibilities!

OUR TEACHERS ARE VERY MUCH IN DEMAND. They are currently setting up schedules based on the interests from each school. **Even if you have taken private lessons in the past, fill out the form so we know you intend to continue in lessons.** Lesson times are scheduled through private teachers who will work with you to arrange a mutually convenient time. Soon after this form is returned, you can expect a phone call from the teacher to schedule the weekly lesson. Students will receive one 25-minute lesson each week. The cost is \$16.00 per lesson, and the private instructor will discuss their payment policies with you.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER OUR PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM. It can enhance the musical progress of your child and enrich their overall musical experience. A complete list of private lesson teachers is available on the Cooper Band website. If you need additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Cooper Band Website: <http://staffweb.wylieisd.net/staff/adamp>

Wylie Music Enrichment Program

Supplemental Music Instruction **Student Registration/Parental Permission**

- ⌚ I wish for my child to participate in the Wylie Music Enrichment Program (WMEP).
- ⌚ I have received a copy of the WMEP Guidelines for Participation and agree to abide by all its conditions and policies.
- ⌚ I understand that the cost for instruction is \$16.00 per lesson payable monthly **in advance.**

Student _____ (Print name)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Instrument/Voice part: _____

School: _____

Band/Choir Director: _____

Please return this registration form to your child's band/choir director as soon as possible.

To be completed by the Private Instructor

Private Instructor _____

School _____

Lesson day and time assigned _____

Director's approval signature _____

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Guidelines for Participation

Supplemental Music Lessons

Supplemental music lessons are offered as enrichment to classroom instruction and are designed to utilize the broad scope of characteristic literature available for every instrument or voice. Rather than stress the singular goal of competition preparation, the emphasis instead is on nurturing the independent thinking and individual performance skills critical to the development of the maturing musician. The focus is on acquiring refined levels of sight-reading and technical proficiency in tandem with the attainment of an advanced sense of musical instinct and interpretation.

Participation

Although optional, participation in the supplemental lesson program is encouraged and available to all students. Those who elect not to participate in supplemental lessons will not be penalized in grading, chair placement, or band/choir assignment.

Enrollment

- ⌚ Enrollment in the supplemental music lesson program is on a voluntary basis.
- ⌚ Termination of lessons by the student, supplemental music teacher, or band/choir director will be accomplished by written notice to the student or teacher and the band/choir director.
- ⌚ Supplemental music teachers are assigned as requested by the student, if possible. In some cases, individual schedules will not allow the requested teacher.
- ⌚ Questions concerning assignment of supplemental music teachers should be directed to your student's band/choir director.
- ⌚ Questions concerning lesson dates and times, or number of lessons taught, should be directed to your student's supplemental music teacher.

Student's Responsibility to the Private Teacher

- ⌚ Prepare each lesson fully
- ⌚ Follow attendance rules
- ⌚ Provide documentation and exhibit evidence of practice
- ⌚ Supply materials required by instructor
- ⌚ Participate in all activities required as a condition of study

Private Teacher's Responsibility to the Student

- ⌚ Provide each student a quality private lesson which will contribute positively to the development and continual improvement of the student as a musician and performer.
- ⌚ Instill an appreciation for each instrument(s)/vocal solo repertoire.
- ⌚ Cultivate the desire within each student to make music a lifelong activity.
- ⌚ Exhibit professional characteristics and demeanor in attitude, appearance, behavior and responsibility in every activity germane to private lesson instruction.

Lesson Location and Scheduling

- Lessons during the day will be taught in the school the student attends.
- The band/choir director of each school, in cooperation with the private instructor, will schedule lessons for the students who desire to participate.
- It is recommended that the student receive a lesson each week.
- The cost of each lesson for the 2009-2010 school year is \$16.00.
- The Director of Fine Arts determines the amount charged for lessons annually.
- Lessons may be scheduled during the student's band/choir period and before or after school.
- No lessons will be scheduled during non-music classes.
- It will be the responsibility of the student to notify his/her supplemental music instructor at least twenty-four hours in advance if a lesson is to be canceled unless a serious emergency arises. This courtesy is also the responsibility of the supplemental music instructor if he/she must cancel a lesson.
- The band/choir director will aid the student in advising the supplemental music teacher of concerts, programs, holidays, etc., which would result in any interruption of the regular lesson schedule.

Financial Considerations

Payment will be made directly from the student to the private lesson teacher at the beginning of every month so as to pay one month in advance. Checks should be made payable to the individual private lesson teacher.

Financial Assistance

Limited financial aid for supplemental music lessons may be available to qualified students. The aid is awarded according to need. Applications may be obtained from the student's band/choir director.