

Selma Music Department
Private Lessons
General Information

I. What are private lessons and how do they work?

Private lessons are a one on one lesson with a teacher specializing in your instrument. Each lesson is one-half hour in length and will offer several things. Some of the lesson time will be spent on your band/choir music, but most of the lesson will be spent on exercise and music specifically written for your instrument. These exercises are written to work on tone quality, technique and to improve your overall playing/singing ability.

II. How does this affect my practice time?

Your practice time can easily be divided between time on your band/choir music and working on the things assigned to you by your private teacher. Many students find it easier to practice because there is more to work on and practice time goes more quickly!

III. What are my responsibilities for the private lesson?

Once you sign up, you MUST finish at least one semester. You should plan to:

1. Arrive 5 minutes before your lesson time. Get your instrument out and be ready to go on time!
2. Come to your lesson prepared! There is nothing worse for a private teacher to work with than a student who didn't practice for his or her lesson. You are wasting their time and your parents' money. Be responsible! Be sure to always bring your music with you!
3. Let your teacher know 24 hours in advance if you are unable to come to your lesson (except for illness the day of the lesson). If you do not notify your teacher 24 hours in advance, you must still pay for the lesson!! Be sure to have your private teacher's phone number or email. It is your responsibility to contact your private teacher, not Mr. Geisler.

IV. When will lessons begin?

We hope to begin the program around the first week of October. So, turn your forms in as soon as possible so that times can be arranged.

V. What will lessons cost?

Lessons will range from \$10 to \$15 per ½ hour lesson. The cost will be determined by whether you study with a H.S. student, college student, or college graduate. The vast majority of students will study with college students (Cost is \$10 per lesson). Students are expected to bring in a check

(Made out to the private teacher) or cash at the beginning of each month to pay for an entire month's lessons. PLEASE be responsible in paying for your lessons. It is embarrassing for the Selma Music department to have to chase you down because you haven't paid for your lessons.

VI. Where will the lessons take place?

Unless otherwise arranged, lessons will be in one of the music rooms at Selma MS.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Mr. Geisler at either rgeisler@selma.k12.in.us or through the main office 281-3727.

Private Lessons Agreement

I would like to have my child _____ signed up for private lessons on _____. I understand that WE _____ instrument/voice

are responsible for contacting the teacher in advance if we are unable to make a lesson. I understand that failure to contact within 24 hours notice means the lesson MUST be paid for. I also agree to pay for a month's lessons at the beginning of each month.

Parent Signature

Student Signature

Home Phone