



Private Lessons FAQs

Because the Highland Park Bands are devoted to the study and performance of wind literature, members of this organization must gain the individual technique that is essential to this experience. As a student becomes more proficient, his/her enjoyment of music increases. Each musician will find that as the quality of individual playing improves, a greater body of literature is available for study and exploration. These students are rewarded with a richer and more meaningful musical experience. Below are some frequently asked questions about private lessons:

What do students gain from taking private lessons?

- Inspiration and motivation by enriching their musical experience
- Individual instruction tailored specifically to their needs
- Hearing a professional play and talk about their instrument on a regular basis
- Gaining a stronger understanding of the technical aspects of their instrument
- Working on exciting solo repertoire
- Learning how to practice more efficiently and effectively
- Troubleshooting any specific problems or challenges

My student is in band class....isn't that enough?

Band class will absolutely give your student a great musical foundation. Although as much individual help as possible is provided during music rehearsals and sectional rehearsals, each band member is encouraged to study with a private teacher who is a specialist in that person's instrument. Private lessons are a completely different experience from band; they provide the opportunity for your student to work individually with a professional. The progress made by students is astounding when private lessons are added to the school band class(es) they currently take.

My student doesn't practice very much now. so why would I spend money on private lessons?

We have found that students who sign up for private lessons typically want to practice more. Through private lessons, students tend to become more invested in their own music education and develop an even deeper interest in music. When students reach the high school level, they may even fundraise and apply for scholarships to subsidize lesson costs. The money is a great investment in their education!

When? Where? How can lessons fit into my student's busy schedule?

Many of our approved private teachers teach lessons during the school day and after school at HPHS or in their home studios which are close to the school. Students have the option of taking a weekly lesson at school during a free period, lunch period, or during the band rehearsal period. Please contact a teacher to find-out their specific lesson times and locations.

How much do they cost?

The cost is \$28 per thirty-minute lesson.

How do I find a good private lesson teacher?

Highland Park has already found some terrific private teachers for you! Each of the teachers on our list has been screened by the District 113 music faculty. That means that these teachers have proven to the music staff that they are not only outstanding players and musicians, but they also work extremely well with students.