



MIDWAY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

**The Midway ISD Fine Arts Private Lesson Program
Parent Consent Form**

The Midway Independent School District has traditionally offered students the opportunity to study privately through an organized private lesson program through the Fine Arts Private Lesson Program (formerly known as Music Enrichment Program). Private lessons are offered as a supplement to classroom instruction. The lessons are designed to utilize the characteristic literature of the instrument, voice, or actor, not to rehearse the literature which a student will be performing in the fine arts classroom. Participation in the supplemental lesson program is optional. All students will have access to supplemental lessons based upon the private instructor's availability of time.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PRIVATE INSTRUCTOR

1. Be fully prepared for each lesson.
2. Supply the method books and other materials as required by private study.
3. Participate in all activities required as a condition of private study.
4. Notify the instructor within 24 hours if a lesson is to be canceled unless there is an emergency.

LESSON LOCATION AND SCHEDULING

Lessons will be taught at the school the student attends, except as arrangements needing modifications for summer lessons. Lessons will be scheduled by the private instructor and fine arts teacher. Lessons can be scheduled during the student's fine arts class, during lunch, and before/after school. No lessons will be scheduled during academic classes. Should the instructor be unable to teach a lesson, missed lessons will be made-up. The fine arts teacher will aid the student by advising the private lesson instructor of concerts, programs, holidays, testing, etc., which would result in any interruption of the regular lesson schedule.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Instructors will be paid \$1 per minute. Lessons run between 22-30 minutes in length depending on the student's passing period. Instructors will be paid directly by the student at the time of the lesson or monthly. Checks should be made payable to the private lesson instructor. Limited partial-lesson scholarships may be available. Check with the campus teacher for eligibility requirements.

Should you have specific questions about any part of the program, please contact the student's band, choir, orchestra, or theatre teacher.

Parent Information on Policies and Procedures

Please read the detailed information below about the program. If you have any further questions, your child's fine arts teacher will be happy to answer them.

- Private lessons are available to any student participating in a middle school or high school fine arts course in Midway ISD. Participation is completely voluntary.
- The MISD Private Lesson Program is administered by the Director of Fine Arts and the MISD fine arts staff.
- The private instructors have been recruited, interviewed, and recommended by MISD fine arts teachers.
- Lessons are taught in practice rooms and classrooms of schools during fine arts classes, lunch hour, before and after school. No lessons will be scheduled during academic classes.
- The private lesson fee is \$1.00 per minute of instruction. Fees are paid directly to lesson instructors.
- Students provide all instructional materials (books, music, scripts, etc.).

All students who participate in the program must first complete an **application form (pg. 3 of this document)** with the signature of a parent/guardian. These forms are available from either a music private instructor or MISD fine arts teacher.

Students are expected to notify music private instructors at least **24 hours** in advance of missing a scheduled lesson. The instructor and/or supervising director may make exceptions in the event of sudden illness or emergency. The music private instructor may provide makeup lessons subject to agreement with the students and parents.

The private instructors are allowed to set their own attendance policy as long as it adheres to the following:

- Excused absences will be made up or a credit given as determined by the private instructor. Excused absences will consist of, but not be limited to, school sponsored trips, sickness (with proper notice), school testing, school change of scheduling, circumstances out of student's control (fire alarm, school bus late, etc.)
- Unexcused absences will not be refunded or made up by the instructor. Unexcused absences will consist of, but not limited to, forgetting about lessons, absences (sickness, trips, etc.) without notification, or choosing to do another activity during scheduled lesson time.

Students may stop taking lessons at the end of any month. A student may be dropped by an instructor, with approval of the supervising director, for excessive absences, failure to make satisfactory progress or unacceptable behavior.

Instructors are strongly urged to temporarily postpone student's lessons if they are behind in payments until that account is caught up to date.

*Please complete this enrollment form and give it to your fine arts teacher
if you wish to participate in the Private Lesson Program.*

MIDWAY ISD FINE ARTS PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

I have read the parent/student information sheet and desire that my child take advantage of the individual lessons given through the fine arts department of the Midway Independent School District. I understand that the appropriate instructor will contact my child to establish a lesson time to coincide with the fine arts class or after school. I have read and agree to the guidelines put forth by Midway ISD which pertain to the Fine Arts Private Lesson program.

PARENT PRINTED NAME

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE _____

Please furnish the following information and give this form to your child's fine arts teacher.

STUDENT'S NAME

SCHOOL

ADDRESS

CITY

ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE

PARENT'S WORK PHONE

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS

STUDENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS

Did the student take lessons during the previous school year? Yes____ No____

If yes, who was the private instructor? _____

What instrument does the student play? _____
(if choir, write "voice"; If theatre write "actor")

What band class/choir/orchestra/theatre is your student in? _____
(ex. School Name- Symphonic Band)

What class period is the class you just listed? _____
(ex. 1st or 6th)