



Jim Ned Band

2020 Lessons Program

Parents,

If you are receiving this note then your child has expressed interest in our private lessons program. For those of you who did lessons last semester, please read through the third paragraph because there are some updates to the program for this year.

This program allows your child to meet once weekly with a private instructor who is a professional on that instrument (i.e. the saxophone teacher will be a professional saxophone player). There have been many successes from the students enrolled in lessons: making Region and Area band, higher test scores, and consistently sitting at the top of their sections. Opportunities like this are pretty rare and we are fortunate to have such talented musicians coming out to work with the students here in Jim Ned CISD.

Lesson prices are \$10 for a half hour and \$20 for an hour. Going forward, all students will need to pay the full cost of their lessons directly to their private lessons teacher. Each teacher will have a form they and the student will sign that I will file as a receipt of payment. You can pay for the month all at once or you can pay it out weekly; either option is fine.

Even with just one semester of lessons, I have already noticed great changes in the playing of our students. I highly encourage the taking of lessons; they make a HUGE difference!

As always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

All the best,
Josh Howeth
Head Band Director
Jim Ned CISD

General Information

Instructors

The instructors who will be coming out to teach lessons are professionals on their instruments. These people will have background checks on file with JNCISD and are thoroughly vetted. If you have any questions about our instructors, please let me know!

Lesson Payment and Schedules

Lessons cost \$10 for every half hour. We typically try to do lessons in class, with two students getting a lesson during the period (one for the first half, another for the second). If your child is interested in doing a full hour lesson, it will cost \$20. Usually a half hour lesson, especially in middle school, is a perfect amount of time. Longer lessons may need to meet before or after school.

You are free to pay for each lesson as you do it, or to pay up front for a period of time (most people who pay up front pay for a month at a time). If your account becomes more than two weeks behind, we will freeze the slot and give it to someone on the waiting list until payment is received. If there's ever a problem with finances, don't hesitate to reach out and let me know.

I'm in.... What do I need to do?

To ensure your child is signed up for lesson slots, please sign and return this page. I will begin building this semester's lesson schedule as I receive the returned slips, so it will be a first-come-first-serve basis. After I have built schedules, I will send out a master schedule so you know when your child's lessons are and we will start the following week!

The Formalities

I affirm that my child has parental permission to enroll in the JNCISD Private Lessons Program. Additionally, I acknowledge that lesson payments are due at or before the time of service and that failure to complete payment will result in a hold being placed on my child's lessons account.

Student Name: _____ **Date:** ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian Name: _____