

Private Lessons

TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Students at THS get a competitive advantage and a greater sense of confidence when studying music with a professional musician on their instrument.



Your guide to the musical enrichment program at Travis HS

The band staff is very excited about the number of students that have elected to participate in the William B. Travis High School Band Program. As we grow in numbers, we also hope to grow in quality. We are constantly striving to improve the band program, ourselves as professionals, as well as our student's musical abilities. As the school year begins, we hope you share in this excitement with us.

Band teaches so much more than "just playing music." Band teaches diligence through preparation, practice and repetition of musical skills such as rhythms, melody and harmony. Band teaches responsibility through individual work effort, instrument care, and scheduled maintenance. Band teaches group work ethics through ensemble performances, group practice, and group assessment. Over the years of participation in band, students will develop both critical thinking and listening skills as they prepare and perform music. These skills are brought out through performance judgments as they pertain to music. While working in the music ensemble setting,

students will develop powers of concentration, the ability to memorize music and parts and the ability to work with others in a group setting. The band student will develop certain physical skills such as stamina, endurance and coordination. Eye, hand, audio, visual and spatial relationships are all fostered as students learn to perform music and become proficient on their instruments. Lastly and most importantly, students in the band setting are assisted in the development of self-expression. Thus, a student's participation in band is more than "just playing music."

Keeping the above-mentioned ideas in mind, we would like to offer your child an opportunity to participate in the Private Lesson Music Program. Private lessons are a great benefit to students for musical growth. The band staff has assembled a fantastic staff of private instructors for the 2009-2010 school year. Your child will have one on one time with a private instructor. These lessons will be geared to help your student become a truly great musician by teaching them how to improve their

musical skills. While we, as a band staff, strive to work with each student regularly, we are limited because of class size and time. Hence, the band staff cannot provide an opportunity for one on one instruction.



We strongly encourage each of you to consider the Private Lesson Music Program as it helps students become very competitive for the All-State and All-Region Bands as well as UIL Solo & Ensemble. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.