



# Apollo Junior High Band

All Apollo band students are encouraged to enroll in private lessons. Students who take private lessons will spend time once a week, one-on-one with a professional on their instrument. Each private lesson teacher has interviewed and auditioned with the Apollo and Berkner Band directors, and is amongst the finest performers and teachers in our area. They are also have been approved by the RISD to teach on our campus and undergone a district background check.

Much of the success of the Apollo Band can be attributed to the private lesson program, because students who take private lessons progress far faster and further than they would on their own. As students excel as individuals on their instruments, the sky becomes the limit for what they can do together in a band.

## **Reasons to take private lessons:**

- A desire to learn more about the instrument
- A desire to move faster than in the classroom
- A desire to learn more music
- A desire to be taught one-one-one by a professional musician

## **Cost of Taking Lessons**

- \$18.00 per half hour lesson
- Payment will be made directly to the private lesson teacher

## **Lesson Teachers**

- Teachers are superbly qualified.
- Many of the teachers have Masters Degrees in music performance and perform in professional ensembles.

## **Scheduling of Lessons**

- Lessons will be scheduled by the individual lesson teacher.
- Lessons will be once a week during a student's band class or before or after school for thirty minutes.
- Lessons during the school year will take place at either the Apollo Band Hall or the Berkner Band Hall.

**Please fill out the form on the reverse side of this letter if you would like to enroll your child in the private lesson program.** Return the form as soon as possible as lesson time slots are limited and scheduled on a first come, first served basis. After signing up, you will receive more detailed information from us and through your private teacher.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

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## Private Lesson Contact Form

**Student's name:**

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**Student's Instrument:**

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**School:**

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**Grade:**

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**Band/class period at Apollo:**

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**Parent's names(s):**

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**Preferred phone number:**

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**Phone number 2 (Optional):**

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**Phone number 3 (Optional):**

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**Parent e-mail:**

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*Please enroll my child in private lessons. I understand that a lesson payment schedule must be agreed upon before lessons begin. I grant permission for my contact information to be shared with a private teacher.*

**Parent Signature:**

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**Date:**

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(or printed name if emailed to a director)