

Buffalo Grove High School Band Private Lessons Information

Students are strongly encouraged to study privately. Private lessons offer opportunities to students that cannot be attained in a large ensemble rehearsal. When students study privately with a professional on the instrument they play, they receive the benefit of one-on-one instruction, which has an immediate impact on musical development. Frequently students develop bad habits that can only be addressed by a professional in a private learning situation. Furthermore, by having a weekly lesson, students develop deadlines to learn material, which also helps to advance their overall musicianship. Private lessons teach students about accountability and responsibility. They also help a students to develop regular practice habits. Through the vehicle of a private teacher, students' individual musical needs are better met. A good private teacher will know the lesson materials and solos that are appropriate to musicians current abilities, and will have a sequence of materials available to develop them to their fullest potential.

Private lessons are not intended to be remedial; those who desire to be the best musicians study privately. Inherently, students who study privately perform better than those who do not. When students audition for ensemble or chair placement, most all of the time the students who study privately are the ones who come out ahead because of their attention to detail. While it is not required to study privately to be in the band program, nor is it a factor for grades, chair, or ensemble placement, it is a reality that the students who study privately do better than others. For these reasons, students are strongly encouraged to seek out a quality private instructor. The private teachers who come to our school are all excellent and have been screened by the school district. Students who study from these people can do so during ensemble rehearsal, lunch, or study hall (free period). These teachers are provided as a service that are paid for on a weekly basis, and students who wish to study are not required to use them. Of course the only way to keep quality private instructors at a school is to have the best students studying with them. The band director will always be of service to assist families in finding a good quality private instructor.