

PROPOSAL FOR THE
29th ANNUAL
SUMMER INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM
HIGH BRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2019

- I. I would like to propose a 5-week summer music lesson program open to all students entering grades 4-9. Private or small group lessons will be available on a weekly or biweekly basis. Students will be charged **\$80.00** tuition for 5 weekly lessons. This is the same tuition rate as from last year. Single scheduled lessons will be \$16.00 per lesson. The single lesson increase will make the 5 week signup more enticing. This rate is very reasonable when compared at the going rate of \$25+ per 30-minute lesson! The tuition fees charged to enrolled student will defer all costs of the program covering the advisor's salary in full. This means the program will run with no cost to the Board of Ed. The Summer Music lesson program is celebrating its 27th year!!

- II. The program will begin on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2019
Ending on Wednesday, July 31st, 2019
Lesson days will be scheduled on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. (additional days may be added if enrollment calls for it) I will be scheduling lesson appointment times from 8:30am.-4:00 pm. (tentatively). Lessons will be scheduled by appointment.

Lesson times will have to be flexible to accommodate the scheduling needs of participating students and instructor. Each student will be scheduled for one half-hour lesson at a fixed time slot once per week. The High Bridge Summer recreation program will also running in the morning during this time frame. Scheduling our music lessons in the afternoon will enable students to attend both programs.


- III. At the end of the program, each student will receive a certificate of participation for their efforts in the program. In addition, all parents will receive a written summary (email), of their child's progress towards their musical goals.

- IV. The use of the music room at the Middle School is requested for the instructional area. Any location in the Middle School will be fine. Lesson times will be scheduled daily within 8:30am-4:00pm time block. Reasonable effort will be made to accommodate student scheduling. If a student misses a lesson I attempt to make up the time in any available open slots.

- V. As coordinator of this activity, I am requesting to be compensated at a rate of \$29.11 per hour (which is the current rate for Co-Curricular).

- VI. Again, it is a great pleasure to be Coordinating the **29th Annual Summer Music Program** in High Bridge! Keeping musicians playing during the summer months has paid huge dividends to our program! I would wish to continue offering beginning lessons to all incoming 4th graders this summer. This has significantly improved the success rate and musicianship of our current 4th grade program. Individualized instruction in the very beginning gives students the best possible advantage for interest and success. Maintaining the student's positive feelings about themselves and their musicianship is what keeps our program "going and growing"! This proposed summer program would help our young musicians to accomplish more and more each school year!

Thank you for your support!!


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