

# **Benefits of Private Lessons**



**Why private lessons?** The reason most students quit an activity is because they do not feel successful. We realize that band is a financial commitment. There is no better way to ensure your student's success than by providing them with one on one coaching!

## **1. Private lesson teachers model a professional sound on their instrument.**

How do babies learn to talk? By listening to people talk. How do instrumentalists learn to play with a characteristic sound? By hearing a characteristic sound.

## **2. Students are able to perform by themselves weekly and get concentrated feedback.**

In band, feedback is usually limited to 10-15 seconds because of the amount of students the director is trying to listen to in a class. Getting 25 minutes of individual playing and feedback helps them become a more confident and independent player. Students have more time to try again and continue to work on a problem until it improves without being in front of their peers.

## **3. Students are able to focus on skills that are specific for their instrument.**

These fundamentals are crucial for later development and more advanced playing ability.

## **4. Region/district band auditions can be approached on an individual level.**

Teachers can meet a child where they are and help them develop an individual game plan to prepare them for the audition. This helps students learn how to set goals - long term and weekly. Every student that made the All-Region Band last year was in private lessons.

## **5. Instructors give students a chance to play a unique solo that they love at solo contest.**

Lesson teachers, experts on solos for their instruments, are able to offer students a number of solos that are ideal for their development level. They can also choose solos that work on goals for that student. Giving students more options means they are more likely to find a solo that fits their personality and they enjoy playing.

## **6. Private lesson teachers provide a role model for students that can be a strong motivation for students to continue in band, and excel on an individual level.**

While students move through different classes, grade levels and schools, it is possible they would have the same lesson teacher for 7 or more years. Lesson teachers often have a long term plan for each student's development.

**FAQ:** Teachers are hired and approved by GCISD and can teach your student during school! The GCISD Band Boosters also provide financial assistance and scholarships for private lessons. Please fill out our application and ask a director if you have any questions.