



THE NEWMAN SMITH HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT

Private Voice Lesson Program Information

Supplemental voice lessons are available to NSHS choir students as enrichment to classroom instruction. These lessons are designed to utilize the characteristic literature of the voice, rather than to rehearse the music a student will be performing in choir. Participation in these supplemental lessons is optional, but highly encouraged and is an expectation for students in an auditioned choir. Students who elect not to participate will not be penalized grade-wise in their class activities. All students will have access to supplemental voice lessons.

Student's responsibilities to the Supplemental Music Teacher:

1. Be fully prepared for each lesson.
2. **Follow absence protocol.**
3. Provide documentation of practice time each week if required by voice instructor.
4. Participate in all activities required as a condition of private study.
5. In order for you to reach your full potential, only take lessons from one instructor.

Lesson Location and Scheduling

Lessons will be taught in a practice room at Newman Smith High School. Lessons are scheduled once a week and will be 25 minutes in length. Lessons may be scheduled during the student's choir class, lunch period, and before or after school. No lessons will be scheduled during a non-music class. It will be the responsibility of the student to notify his/her voice teacher by email, text or phone call at least 24 hours in advance if a lesson is to be canceled, unless an emergency arises. This courtesy is also the responsibility of the voice teacher if he/she must cancel a lesson. If a student is not in class on the day of their lesson and the voice teacher has not been contacted 24 hours in advance, the lesson will not be made up.

Financial Implication

Students will pay the private instructor directly. Tuition is billed by the private instructor and you will need to follow their studio billing policy. The number of lessons can vary due to the CFBISD calendar, but generally there will be four lessons a month for \$80.00. Check, cash or credit/debit cards are accepted and payment is made out directly to your voice teacher. Return check fee is \$25 and will no longer be accepted as a payment option. Questions concerning lesson dates and times, billing, or number of lessons taught will be handled through your voice teacher directly, not Mr. Lucero.

Lessons will begin at the end of August and continue through the spring recital in May.

At the end of each semester, there will be a recital featuring the voice students and we will provide an accompanist to play for each student on the recital and at Solo & Ensemble. An accompanist fee of \$20 per student per semester is due to Mr. Lucero by the first accompanist rehearsal in the fall/spring.

Commitment and Registration

Please carefully consider your ability to remain consistent to your commitment to your voice lessons for the entire school year and agreement to these policies by your signature. To register your student for private voice lessons, please sign and return to Mr. Lucero or Ms. Nolan

If you have any questions regarding voice lessons, please contact Mr. Lucero- Luceroa@cfbisd.edu



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Private Voice Lesson Program Application

I have read the information sheet regarding supplemental music instruction. I understand that the private lesson program through the district has dictated the fee amount to be \$20.00 per twenty-five minute lesson. I also understand that the lessons are to be paid on time and paid directly to their assigned voice instructor.

I understand the attendance policy, and agree that lesson fees are considered earned by the instructor for any lesson if the student is absent without providing reasonable prior notice (24 hours), unless special circumstances exist. I understand a late fee of \$20 will be charged if payment is not given to your voice teacher by their specified due date.

I understand that enrollment in supplemental music instruction is a commitment for the entire school year. **Discontinuing lessons mid-year is highly discouraged, however if you choose to discontinue lessons for any reason, a 30-day written notice to your voice teacher & Mr. Lucero is required.** I understand that supplemental music study is voluntary and that participation in the program will have no bearing on my student's grade or placement in the choral department.

I further understand and agree that the district undertakes no duties, responsibilities, or liabilities except as provided herein; that the district shall not be liable or responsible to parent or student for any matter, whether in tort or in contract, arising from or in connection with such instruction or any matter, act, or occurrence therewith.

PARENT/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____

Grade Level _____ Choir Period _____ Date _____

Parent/Student Information:

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent Cell Phone # _____ Parent E-mail _____

Student Cell Phone # _____ Student Email _____

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN TO MR. LUCERO OR MS. NOLAN