

# **2017/2018 DMS Orchestra Private Lesson Sign Up**

**PRINT Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PRINT Parent Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

## **What are private lessons?**

DMS Orchestra offers a unique opportunity for students to receive one-on-one instruction with a thoroughly screened and highly qualified music instructor. These instructors are contracted by MISD to come to the campus on a weekly basis to work with those students who choose to participate in the program. Each instructor is a specialist on their instrument (violin, viola, cello or bass). On lesson day, the student works with their private instructor during his/her orchestra class or after school for approximately 23 minutes. *Lessons are \$20 each and are paid directly to the private instructor, usually on a monthly schedule.*

There are limited spaces available during the school day. Students may choose to schedule private lessons outside of school.

\*Honors students are required to take weekly lessons in order to keep up with the rigorous requirements.

## **Why should I consider lessons for my child?**

Private lessons are the number 1 way to set your child on the fast track for learning. Individualized instruction that is customized to your student can allow your child maximum success in the shortest amount of time. In combination with daily practice, private lessons can give your student great encouragement and satisfaction that their specific musical needs are being addressed.

## **Can I sign up later on for lessons, after I find out if my child is committed?**

There are limited spaces available for the private lesson program at DMS. Students interested in taking private lessons may need to schedule outside lessons at an alternative location. (It is better to sign up sooner rather than later)

## **What kind of commitment do we need to make?**

MISD requires that families be aware of all aspects of private lessons so they are prepared for the commitment that is expected. Parents and students are asked to sign a commitment form stating that they will follow the specific guidelines set out by the instructor and that they will pay in a timely manner. This contract also outlines the understanding that lessons may be discontinued if guidelines are not met. A private lesson handbook and contract will be sent home with your student at the start of the lesson program.

Yes, I would like to sign my student up for private lessons.

If possible, please schedule lessons with: \_\_\_\_\_ (Mr. Graber does not teach privately)

My student is already taking lessons with: \_\_\_\_\_

No, I am not interested in private lessons at this time.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please be aware that many students schedule lessons during school time and spaces fill up quickly. The best effort will be made to accommodate all students but some may need to take lessons outside the school day.