

Milton Music Department
The Applied Lesson Program (ALP)
Beginning Students 2018-19

The **Applied Lesson Program (ALP)** is after school instrumental lessons given by professional musicians to students in Grades 4-12. ALP is coordinated with an instrumental curriculum taught by the in-school directors.

In-school ensembles (Band/String Ensemble) are not an automatic part of the beginner lessons program in the elementary schools. The in-school ensembles are comprised of 5th grade students* who have taken lessons for at least one year. In December, the lesson teachers can recommend 5th grade beginners who are practicing consistently and progressing rapidly to join the ensembles. The in-school director will invite those recommended students to come to a rehearsal in January to see if they are ready to join. If a beginner is in any grade except 5th, he/she will have to wait for the following year to join the in-school ensemble. ****Guitar students do not have an in-school ensemble.**

Where—the lessons are given at Milton High School in various classrooms. **** **All must sign in a the field house entrance when attending lessons. Parents/guardians are required to bring the students in grade 7 and younger to and from their lesson room.** ****

When—lessons are scheduled 3:30-9:00 on Mondays through Thursdays. There are no weekend lessons. The days and times that lessons are given depend on the lesson teacher's schedule. Not all instruments are offered every day nor at all times.

How often—lessons (30 minutes each) are given once a week. The year is divided into two sessions. Session I has 15 lessons. Session II has 15 lessons and one recital. **Refer to the ALP calendar to know what weeks do NOT have lessons.**

Payment—full payment is made for one session when registering. Checks are made out to the lesson teacher. Students may take private (1 student) or semi-private (2 students) lessons. However, semi-private lessons can be scheduled ONLY IF there are two students playing at the same level who can schedule at the same time with the teacher.

Session I

Private lessons =\$420 (15 lessons at \$25.00; registration fee of \$45)

Semi-private lessons =\$270.00 (15 lessons at \$15.00; registration fee of \$45)

Session II

Private lessons = \$430 (same as session I plus recital fee of \$10.00)

Semi-private lessons = \$280.00 (same as session I plus recital fee of \$10.00)

Cancellation policy—there are no make-up lessons if you cancels. The parent/guardian should always call the teacher to cancel. If the lesson teacher cancels, the lesson will be made up or refunded. Lesson teachers are allowed ONLY 2 make-up lessons per session. If school is cancelled or released early due to inclement weather, lessons are cancelled and will either be made up by the teacher or refunded. Do NOT call Milton High School to cancel lessons—call the lesson teacher directly. Make sure that you have the contact information on your refrigerator, your cell, your lesson book and your instrument case.

Recital—during one of the weeks of Session II, the teacher will schedule a recital for all their students instead of lessons that week. Teachers will hold ONE recital during the school year. The lesson teacher will contact the parents about its date/time/location.

Lesson calendar—keep the lesson calendar handy and refer to it when in doubt. There are only lessons on a given date if it is listed on the lesson calendar.

Books—lesson books and any music needed for lessons should be purchased directly from the lesson teacher or at registration night.

Practicing—continuing students need to spend at least 30 minutes a day/5 days a week to make steady progress. This does not include in-school rehearsals! Practice makes perfect is not only an old saying—it actually works!

What to bring to lessons—your instrument (and any accessories that your instrument requires), lesson book, assignment notebook, a pencil, and a zest for learning!

Communication—make sure you have your teacher’s home and cell phone numbers and his/her email address. Make sure he/she has your contact information as well.

Classroom use—it is best if parents wait outside the classroom during the lesson. However, if parents do sit through the lesson they should not sit at the teacher’s desk, nor bring siblings into the lesson room. There is no eating or drinking in the classrooms. We cannot use the paper/pens/etc. in the classrooms. The classrooms need to be left exactly as we find them and we appreciate your cooperation.

Problems—if you have any problems with lessons or the lesson teacher, you first need to contact the lesson teacher to discuss them. If you continue to have problems, contact Rebecca Damiani (rdamiani@miltonps.org) and Gary Good (ggood@miltonps.org).

Have a great year!