

VOICE LESSONS

- The voice is an instrument and as such it is important that each individual avail himself or herself of the opportunity to learn how to use their instrument. While each Choir class will devote time to vocal development, it is highly recommended that singers study privately either through the KISD Private Lesson Program or with other teachers in Katy or Houston.
- All voice teachers who teach on campus are contracted by KISD. Students pay the teacher directly. The fee per half hour is determined by the credentials of each teacher including degree level and years of teaching experience. The breakdown of rates is below. Each teacher will provide a studio policy detailing the preferred method of payment and attendance guidelines. The KISD voice teachers will teach in the Choir Practice Rooms.
 - Tier 1- Non-Degreed or 0-4 years experience: \$18.50 per half hour
 - Tier 2- Bachelor Degree or 5-9 years experience: \$20.50 per half hour
 - Tier 3- Master Degree or 10-14 years experience: \$22.50 per half hour
 - Tier 4- Doctorate Degree or 15+ years experience: 24.50 per half hour
- The object of the voice lesson is for students to learn good vocal technique and how their individual voice functions. Students will build a repertoire that may include art songs, arias, musical theater, pop music, or vocal jazz. Students may study the All-State Choir repertoire or prepare for UIL Solo & Ensemble competition. They may also choose to prepare audition material for events like Coffee House, Singing Valentines, or Pop Show. In order for the student to be successful, it is crucial that he or she practice between lessons.
- Students who wish to take part in the KISD private lessons program must complete the student application and return it to the choir director along with a deposit for the first months' worth of lessons. **The deposit of \$82.00 must be received prior to the student being placed in a private lessons studio.** Differences will be settled by each voice teacher. **Studio availability is limited and lessons are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- It is important that the student/parent obtain all contact information from the instructor (phone, email, etc.) in the event a lesson must be missed. Unexcused absences from voices lessons will be charged the full lesson price.

SIGN-UP PROCEDURES

- 1) Submit the following items to the Director:
 - **Private Lessons Program Student Application** (back side of this page)
 - Indicate any regular weekly conflicts
 - Lessons are offered after school
 - Include a BLANK check in the amount of \$82.00 for the 1st month's deposit.
 - The Director will assign the check to the appropriate voice teacher once the student has been placed in the program.
- 2) Sign-up for a time slot with the Director once you have been assigned a Private Lessons Instructor.
- 3) Confirm with the Director when your first lesson will occur.

Katy ISD – Fine Arts

OTHS Choir Private Lessons Program

Student Application Form

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____ Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Current Voice Teacher (If applicable): _____

Availability:

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Please indicate any time conflicts on days checked above:

Please read and initial the statements below:

_____ I understand that the tuition fee for private lessons is \$17.50 per half hour.

_____ I understand that lessons are paid in advance, unless other arrangements have been made with the private lessons instructor.

_____ I understand that a deposit of \$70.00 will be paid to the instructor for the first four lessons and is required for enrollment.

_____ I understand that if the cost of 4 lessons with the designated instructor is more than the \$82.00 deposit then it will need to be paid following the first lesson.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Lessons are assigned on a first come first serve basis.

Student must submit this completed form along with \$82.00 deposit to be considered for enrollment.

The deposit check for \$82.00 should be left blank. The director will assign it to the appropriate voice teacher.