

RISD 6th Grade Music Program Guidelines

Recruitment

- *RISD Fine Arts provides beginner band and orchestra programming at all RISD Elementary campuses. Any student in the 6th grade has the option of enrolling in band or orchestra. Students will attend recruiting events in the spring of their 5th grade year to learn about each option at their campus.*
- *Pilot Campuses—RISD is piloting a 6th grade music elective program at Terrace, Dartmouth, Yale, Jess Harben, Springridge, Moss Haven, Wallace, Bowie, Mohawk, Prestonwood, Dover, and Hamilton Park Elementary campuses.*
 - *Pilot campuses allow every 6th grade student to either choose band, choir, or orchestra in place of their weekly elementary music class. This daily commitment of 45 minutes will apply to all 6th grade students at the pilot campuses and is a yearlong commitment.*
 - *This programming gives students a head start on transitioning to Middle School electives and fulfills the RISD Music requirement for 6th grade students.*
- *Junior High music teams will collaborate and develop a comprehensive recruiting plan that will be submitted to the district Fine Arts Office for approval at least 14 days prior to any recruiting or advertising of the events.*
- *All approved information regarding recruitment dates and events must be coordinated and communicated with each campus principal.*
- *All RISD music courses require full year participation and involve outside of school rehearsals and performances.*

Calendar of Events

- *Each music program is responsible for developing an annual calendar of activities that includes major events and activities. The calendar should be made available to students and parents no later than the start of each semester. Revisions will be communicated in a timely fashion.*

Conduct

- *Any organization that has high performance standards must also have high behavioral standards. The basic behavioral guidelines for students in music activities are taken from the RISD Student Code of Conduct Handbook. Specific guidelines above and beyond those outlined in the RISD Student Code of Conduct can be found in your organization's specifics located in the campus organization's music handbook.*
- *Students are expected to follow all campus discipline guidelines and will not be removed from programming at pilot campuses.*

Instruments

- *Students in band and orchestra are required to have an instrument in order to participate. The maintenance, repair and insurance against theft or damage of these personal instruments are solely the responsibility of each student.*
- *Specific guidance with regards to instrument rental from trusted vendors will be provided at each instrument fitting event.*

- *Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba, and Double Bass are owned by RISD and will be provided for a usage fee. All other instruments can be rented through a local dealer. Information will be provided by your campus director.*
- *The district has a limited number of instruments that may be available for an annual usage fee of \$100. In addition to the usage fee, students are responsible for maintenance, repair and insurance of school owned instruments against theft or loss while in their possession. Instruments must be returned at the end of the school year in the same condition as issued, minus normal wear and tear. Any costs associated with damage from negligence or malicious intent will be assessed to the student.*
- *Students that qualify for free and reduced lunch may provide proof to their director and use a school owned instrument for an annual usage fee of \$50. All district provided instruments are on a first come first serve basis due to the limited inventory available.*

Medical Release & Permission to Travel Form

- *All students enrolled in band, choir and orchestra must have a Medical Release Form on file prior to traveling off campus.*

Private Lessons – Voluntary Music Enrichment Program and Fees

- *Private lessons are provided for interested students as an enrichment program in Band, Choir and Orchestra.*
- *The Head Director/Lesson Coordinator coordinates the private lesson program in each high school attendance area in collaboration with RISD guidelines.*
- *The private teachers are contracted through the RISD and must complete an Application and a Criminal History check.*
- *The private teachers are hired, supervised and evaluated by the Head Director/Lesson Coordinator at each high school and teach at each secondary campus.*
- *Private study fees are consistent throughout the District and are determined through the Office of Fine Arts. The current fee is \$22 per lesson.*
- *While private study is not a requirement for participation in any of the music organizations, students are strongly encouraged to participate.*
- *Private Lessons supported by RISD may occur at a secondary campus after school and cannot be offered at elementary campuses.*

Required Expenses and Fees

- *A supply fee not to exceed \$50 is necessary to assist students in getting started and securing appropriate items to be successful in their music ensemble. These supplies may include but are not limited to binders, pencil pouches, after school master classes, and t-shirts for performances/events.*
- *Spring festival fees are separate from supply fees and will be communicated with advance notice for students who qualify for the spring festival travel if offered at their campus.*
- *Instrument purchase/rental: Individual instruments are the responsibility of the student/parent, and may be purchased or rented. A limited number of district-owned instruments may be available for an annual usage fee as listed above. Families are encouraged to rent their instrument when possible from an approved vendor as most rental programs are a rent to own system. This is the best guarantee for a high-quality instrument that can eventually be owned by the student.*

- *Financial assistance and payment plans are available for students who need help meeting required supply fees and other expenses related to this activity. Assistance, based on the organization's needs and, on the commitment, and interest of the individual student, may be obtained by communicating with your campus director and/or principal.*

Travel

- *Spring Festivals are at the discretion of the campus director. These events are not mandatory and will be an additional fee.*
- *When traveling, each student must meet all local and state eligibility requirements to participate in the event.*
- *Students must be able to satisfactorily perform the material assigned for the performance.*
- *Students must attend scheduled rehearsals.*
- *Students must fulfill their financial obligation.*
- *Students who fail to meet the minimum expectations of the organization may not be eligible to travel.*