

## CONTRACT OF COMMITMENT (2022-2023)

Congratulations! Your child has shown interest in playing a musical instrument. As you know, learning to play and perform on an instrument aids in a child's overall learning experience. We are one of the few music programs that offer students an opportunity to study with teachers that play professionally on the instrument they teach.

The first step to ensure success on a musical instrument is to establish and consistently maintain a practice schedule. A music lesson is to monitor progress and set goals for improvement. Once those goals are set, a student needs to practice in order to accomplish them. You may ask what needs to be practiced. You can practice warm-ups, review scales or songs you have already learned, practice your new assignment, and play something you really love or just for fun. You may also ask when and how do I practice. For first year players, we recommend fifteen minutes a day no less than five days per week. You should also plan to reserve the same time slot each day, this will help with consistency. You should set goals to try to accomplish in each practice session, work on the most challenging spots first, break down the music into small sections, and repeat the passage many times after you get it right. Parents, you can use this information as a guide to monitor your child's progress throughout the school year.

Once you have established a practice routine, you must make every effort to attend lessons and rehearsals for preparation of your performances. Depending on when you register online, lessons can begin as early as the week of September 19, 2022. The first performance for all first year players will be a recital for family and friends. Recitals take place during the month of March. After the recitals, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students will join band. The band rehearses once a week scheduled the same time and day. The band prepares to perform at the school spring concerts. In addition, there will be several rehearsals at James Caldwell High School after school during the month of May to prepare for band and orchestra district wide concerts. These concerts are held at James Caldwell High School. Please review the following pages for a detailed schedule of rehearsals and concerts. Keep these pages as a reference throughout the year. We also have these events posted on our district website calendar at [www.cwcboe.org](http://www.cwcboe.org).

Students and parents, now that you have reviewed and discussed the contents of this letter and are willing to enroll in our program, please complete the information below, detach the bottom portion and bring to your first instrumental music lesson in September 2023.

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cut here, and bring to your first instrumental music lesson

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand those responsibilities

(signature of student)

involved with studying a musical instrument and pledge to carry out these responsibilities to the best of my ability.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand those responsibilities

(signature of parent)

involved with studying and musical instrument and will foster my child in reaching his/her greatest potential.

## PHASE I

All first year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, percussion, violin, viola, cello, and bass students will attend weekly lessons. Once the instrumental music teacher receives the student's online registration, the student will be contacted regarding their scheduled lesson. Lessons could start as early as the week of September 19, 2022, this depends on when they receive that student's online registration, and continue until the end of the school year. The first performance for all these students is a beginner recital. Below are the scheduled beginner recitals.

<u>Beginner Recitals</u>	<u>Who is involved</u>
<u>Washington School</u> Beginner Winds & Perc. Student Recital, Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 2:0pm in Washington School	First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Washington School</u>
<u>Jefferson School</u> Beginner Winds & Percussion Student Recital, Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 2:00pm in Jefferson School	First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Jefferson School</u>
<u>Wilson School</u> Beginner Winds & Percussion Student Recital, Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 2:00pm in Wilson School	First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Wilson School</u>
<u>Lincoln School</u> Beginner Winds & Percussion Student Recital, Friday, March 10, 2023 at 2:00pm in Lincoln School	First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Lincoln School</u>
<u>Lincoln School</u> Beginner String Student Recital, Monday, March 27, 2023 at 2:00pm in Lincoln School	First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students attending <u>Lincoln School</u>
<u>Washington School</u> Beginner String Student Recital, Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 2:00pm in Washington School	First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students attending <u>Washington School</u>
<u>Jefferson School</u> Beginner String Student Recital, Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 2:00pm in Jefferson School	First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students attending <u>Jefferson School</u>
<u>Wilson School</u> Beginner String Student Recital, Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 2:00pm in Wilson School	First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students attending <u>Wilson School</u>

## PHASE II

After first year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and percussion students perform in their respective recitals, they will join their school band. In addition to attending weekly lessons, they will now attend band rehearsals. Rehearsals are the same time and day every week.

First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students will continue with weekly lessons only. Below is the schedule for band rehearsals.

<u>Elementary Band Rehearsals</u>	<u>Who is involved</u>
<u>Wilson School Band</u> rehearses on Mondays from 8:00am to 8:40am on the Wilson School Stage.	First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Wilson School</u>
<u>Washington School Band</u> rehearses on Tuesdays from 8:00am to 8:40am on the Washington School Stage.	First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Washington School</u>
<u>Jefferson School Band</u> rehearses on Wednesdays from 8:00am to 8:40am on the Jefferson School Stage.	First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Jefferson School</u>
<u>Lincoln School Band</u> rehearses on Thursdays from 8:00am to 8:40am on the Lincoln School Stage.	First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Lincoln School</u>

### PHASE III

First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students are attending weekly band rehearsals preparing for their school concerts. In addition, these students will also prepare for the Elementary/GCMS Band Spectacular held in May at James Caldwell High School.

First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students will be in district wide ensembles. These will perform in the All-District Elementary Orchestral Festival held in May at James Caldwell High School.

Preparation for these concerts involves rehearsing in the James Caldwell High School Center for Performing Arts (CPA). Below are scheduled school concerts, a schedule for the Essential Strings for the All-District Elementary Orchestra Festival, and a schedule for the All-Elementary Band for the Elementary/GCMS Band Spectacular.

Elementary School Concerts	Who is involved
<u>Washington School Spring Concert</u> Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:30pm in Washington School	First & Second year flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Washington School</u>
<u>Jefferson School Spring Concert</u> Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:30pm in Jefferson School	First & Second year flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Jefferson School</u>
<u>Lincoln School Spring Concert</u> Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 6:30pm in Lincoln School	First & Second year flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Lincoln School</u>
<u>Wilson School Spring Concert</u> Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 6:30pm in Wilson School	First & Second year flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Wilson School</u>

All-District Elementary Orchestra Festival (Essential Strings)	Who is involved
<u>Rehearsal</u> in JCHS CPA on Monday, April 24, 2023 from 3:30 to 5:00pm	First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students from <u>all the elementary schools</u>
<u>Dress Rehearsal</u> in JCHS CPA on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from 4:00 to 5:00pm	First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students from <u>all the elementary schools</u>
<u>Concert</u> : All-District Elementary Orchestral Festival on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 7:00pm in the JCHS CPA	First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students from <u>all the elementary schools</u>

Elementary/GCMS Band Spectacular (All-Elementary Band) (must attend 2 out of the 3 regular rehearsals, must attend the dress rehearsal, and must attend the concert)	Who is involved
<u>Rehearsal #1</u> in JCHS CPA on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 3:30 to 4:30pm	First year flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students from <u>all the elementary schools</u>
<u>Rehearsal #2</u> in JCHS CPA on Monday, May 1, 2023 from 3:30 to 4:30pm	First year flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students from <u>all the elementary schools</u>
<u>Rehearsal #3</u> in JCHS CPA on Friday, May 5, 2023 from 3:30 to 4:30pm	First year flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students from <u>all the elementary schools</u>
<u>Dress Rehearsal</u> in JCHS CPA on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 from 3:30 to 4:30pm	First year flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students from <u>all the elementary schools</u>
<u>Concert</u> : Elementary/GCMS Band Spectacular on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30pm in the JCHS CPA	First year flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students from <u>all the elementary schools</u>

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