

CONTRACT OF COMMITMENT (2021-2022)

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, whether live or virtual, 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 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. In the virtual platform, students now have the opportunity to interact with a software platform called SmartMusic. This will allow students to accomplish goals mentioned above while allowing the music teacher to monitor progress and provide guided instruction. 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, whether virtual or in person, and rehearsals (for in person settings only) for preparation of your performances. Depending on when you register through the online registration process on our district website, lessons could begin as early as the week of September 20, 2021. All first year players will have the opportunity to perform throughout the year. If performances occur within the timeframe when school is either fully remote or hybrid, performances will be virtual. When the district makes a decision to return to an in person full day schedule, information will be provided for you regarding performances in a brick and mortar setting. As a general rule of thumb, performances for first year players fall within the time frame of March 2022 to early June 2022. All in person music performances for the 21-22 school year have been posted on our district website at www.cwchoe.org.

Students and parents, now that you have reviewed and discussed the contents of this letter and are willing to enroll in our program, create a new document, type out the information in the box below, write your name in the appropriate line, save the document and send as an attachment to your instrumental music teacher.

ON A SEPARATE DOCUMENT, TYPE CONTENTS IN THIS BOX

I, _____, understand the responsibilities
(name of student)
involved with studying a musical instrument and pledge to carry out these responsibilities to the best of my ability.

I, _____, understand the responsibilities
(name of parent)
involved with studying and musical instrument and will foster my child in reaching his/her greatest potential.

PHASE I - Second, Third, & Fourth Year Students

(For full remote, hybrid, and full day in person settings)

All second year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, percussion, & second, third, & fourth year violin, viola, cello, and bass students will attend either virtual or in person weekly lessons depending on the school setting. Once a student registers online, lessons could start as early as the week of September 20, 2021, 2020. The first performance for all these students is a winter performance. String students will also have an intermediate recital. Below is information regarding intermediate recitals.

| <i>Intermediate Recitals</i> | <i>Who is involved</i> |
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| <u>Intermediate String Student Recitals</u> Lincoln School: 2/23 at 1:30pm Washington School: 2/24 at 1:30pm Jefferson School: 2/25 at 1:30pm Wilson School: 2/28 at 1:30pm Dates and Times TBA | Second, Third, & Fourth year violin, viola, cello, and bass students attending all the elementary schools |
| <i>Elementary Band Rehearsals</i> | <i>Who is involved</i> |
| <u>Jefferson School Band</u> rehearsals: TBA | Second year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Jefferson School</u> |
| <u>Lincoln School Band</u> rehearsals: TBA | Second year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Lincoln School</u> |
| <u>Washington School Band</u> rehearsals: TBA | Second year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Washington School</u> |
| <u>Wilson School Band</u> rehearsals: TBA | Second year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Wilson School</u> |
| <i>Elementary Orchestra Rehearsals</i> | <i>Who is involved</i> |
| <u>Jefferson School Orchestra</u> rehearsals: Tuesdays from 8:00-8:40am | Second, Third, & Fourth year violin, viola, cello, and bass students attending <u>Jefferson School</u> |
| <u>Lincoln School Orchestra</u> rehearsals: Mondays from 8:00-8:40am | Second, Third, & Fourth year violin, viola, cello, and bass students attending <u>Lincoln School</u> |
| <u>Washington School Orchestra</u> rehearsals: Thursdays from 8:00-8:40am | Second, Third, & Fourth year violin, viola, cello, and bass students attending <u>Washington School</u> |
| <u>Wilson School Orchestra</u> rehearsals: Wednesdays from 8:00-8:40am | Second, Third, & Fourth year violin, viola, cello, and bass students attending <u>Wilson School</u> |

PHASE I - First Year Students

(For full remote, hybrid, and full day in person settings)

All first year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, percussion, violin, viola, cello, and bass students will attend either virtual or in person weekly lessons depending on the school setting. Once a student registers online, lessons could start as early as the week of September 21, 2020. The first performance for all these students is a beginner recital. Below is information regarding beginner recitals.

| <i>Beginner Recitals</i> | <i>Who is involved</i> |
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| Beginner Winds & Perc. Student Recitals Dates and Times TBA | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending all the elementary schools |
| <u>Beginner String Student Recitals</u> Lincoln School: 3/28 at 1:30pm Washington School: 3/29 at 1:30pm Jefferson School: 3/30 at 1:30pm Wilson School: 3/31 at 1:30pm Dates and Times TBA | First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students attending all the elementary schools |

PHASE II - First Year Students

(For full day in person setting ONLY)

After first year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and percussion students perform in their respective recitals when the district is in a full day in person setting, 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.

| Elementary Band Rehearsals | Who is involved |
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| <u>Jefferson School Band</u> rehearsals: TBA | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Jefferson School</u> |
| <u>Lincoln School Band</u> rehearsals: TBA | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Lincoln School</u> |
| <u>Washington School Band</u> rehearsals: TBA | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Washington School</u> |
| <u>Wilson School Band</u> rehearsals: TBA | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Wilson School</u> |

PHASE III

(For full day in person setting ONLY)

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 a district wide ensemble named Essential Strings. Essential Strings 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 is information regarding school concerts, the All-District Elementary Orchestral Festival, and the All-Elementary Band for the Elementary/GCMS Band Spectacular.

| Elementary School Concerts | Who is involved |
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| <u>Jefferson School Spring Concert</u> 12/16 at 1:30pm Check district website calendar at www.cwboe.org | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students; as well as second year violin, viola, cello and bass students attending <u>Jefferson School</u> |
| <u>Washington School Spring Concert</u> 12/15 at 1:30pm Check district website calendar at www.cwboe.org | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students; as well as second year violin, viola, cello and bass students attending First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Washington School</u> |
| <u>Lincoln School Spring Concert</u> 12/16 at 10:00am Check district website calendar at www.cwboe.org | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students; as well as second year violin, viola, cello and bass students attending First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Lincoln School</u> |
| <u>Wilson School Spring Concert</u> | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students; as well as second year violin, viola, cello and bass |

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| 12/17 at 10:00am Check district website calendar at www.cwcboe.org | students attending First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students attending <u>Wilson School</u> |
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| All-District Elementary Orchestral Festival (Essential Strings) | Who is involved |
| <u>Rehearsal</u> in JCHS CPA Rehearsal #1: 4/28 from 3:00-4:30pm Rehearsal #2: 5/2 from 3:00-4:30pm Rehearsal #3: 5/3 from 3:00-4:30pm Date and Times TBA | First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students from <u>all the elementary schools</u> |
| <u>Dress Rehearsal</u> in JCHS CPA 5/4 from 3:00-4:30pm Date and Times TBA | First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students from <u>all the elementary schools</u> |
| <u>Concert:</u> All-District Elementary Orchestral Festival 5/5 from 7:00-8:30pm Check district website calendar at www.cwcboe.org | First year violin, viola, cello, and bass students from <u>all the elementary schools</u> |

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| 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 Date and Times TBA | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students from <u>all the elementary schools</u> |
| <u>Rehearsal #2</u> in JCHS CPA Date and Times TBA | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students from <u>all the elementary schools</u> |
| <u>Rehearsal #3</u> in JCHS CPA Date and Times TBA | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students from <u>all the elementary schools</u> |
| <u>Dress Rehearsal</u> in JCHS CPA Date and Times TBA | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students from <u>all the elementary schools</u> |
| <u>Concert:</u> Elementary/GCMS Band Spectacular in JCHS CPA Check district website calendar at www.cwcboe.org | First year flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, and percussion students from <u>all the elementary schools</u> |

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