

2025-2026 REEDY HIGH SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTAL MUSIC LESSON PROGRAM PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION/POLICY SHEET

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Supplemental music lessons are offered as enrichment to classroom instruction, by private contractors. These lessons are designed to utilize the characteristic literature of the instrument or voice, rather than to rehearse the music a student will be performing in his or her school organization. Participation in these supplemental lessons is *optional*. Students who elect **not to** participate in supplemental lessons will **not be** penalized in any way related to class activities. All students have access to these lessons.

Student's Responsibility to the Private Music Contractor:

1. Be fully prepared for each lesson.
2. Follow guidelines pertaining to absenteeism.
3. Provide documentation of required practice time each week.
4. Supply method books and other materials as required by the private teacher.
5. Participate in all activities required as a condition of private study.

Lesson Location and Scheduling:

Lessons during the day will be taught in the school the student attends. Lessons will be scheduled by the private teacher of each school for the students in the program who desire to participate. Lessons are **twenty-five minutes** in length. These lessons may be scheduled during the student's music class, lunch time, or before or after school. Per FISD policy, no lessons will be scheduled during non-music classes.

It will be the responsibility of **the student** to notify his/her private music instructor, at least twenty-four hours in advance, if a lesson is to be canceled unless, of course, a serious emergency arises. This same courtesy is also the responsibility of the private music instructor if he/she must cancel a lesson.

The school directors will aid the student in advising the private music contractor of concerts, programs, holidays, etc., which would result in any interruption of the regular lesson schedule.

Financial Implications:

Guidelines from the Texas Education Agency, allow private music teachers to be paid directly by students or parents. Checks from individuals for lessons should be made out to the private teacher. Private teachers are responsible for all matters related to billing and collection of fees for lessons.

Enrollment:

Enrollment by the students in the supplemental music lesson program is on a completely voluntary basis. School music directors will not put any undue pressure on students to take supplemental music lessons. Termination of lessons by the student, private teacher, or organization director will be accomplished by written notice to the parent or teacher and the campus director. The notice from the parent shall be accompanied by payment for the next 4 lessons.

Private teachers are assigned as requested by the student, if possible. In some cases, individual schedules will not allow the requested teacher to serve a particular student. Questions concerning assignment of private teachers should be directed to your student's director. Questions concerning lesson dates/times, or number of lessons taught, should be directed to your student's private teacher.

Keep a copy of the policy sheet (next page). Students desiring Voice Lessons should return the Lesson Request Form and a check, made out to the requested instructor, for the sum of the first 4 lessons (\$104.00), as soon as possible, for scheduling priority.

REEDY HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

Private Lesson Policy Sheet

The private music instruction program is an enrichment opportunity available to all Reedy High School choir students. These lessons will strengthen your child's fundamentals and knowledge of literature. The student will learn to properly develop his/her voice to the fullest of their capability. There will also be opportunities afforded to the private voice student in the areas of public performance and competition.

You will receive a statement at the beginning of each month, stating the amount due, by the ____ of the month. Fees for the 2025-2026 school year are **\$26 for each 25-minute lesson**. Please make the check payable directly to your student's private teacher. Prompt payments are a necessity. No notices or reminders will be mailed to you. Any accounts not paid by the 8th of the month are subject to a late fee of \$20. The Parent/Student Information Sheet states that it is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor of absence for any reason. If the teacher receives notice at least 24 hours before the missed lesson, a makeup will be scheduled.

Please understand that this contract is for the academic year. Students reserve a place in the voice teaching schedule for the year. In order to terminate private study in the middle of the year, thirty days' written notice to both the instructor and the choir director, as well as a month's lesson fees (\$104.00) are required.

Subjects the students can expect to cover include: posture, breathing, diction, sight singing, ear training, vocal health, song preparation and performance and special needs as pointed out by the choral director. It may be necessary for the student to purchase music. The teacher will purchase it for your child and the items will appear on your next invoice.

There may be an honors recital toward the end of the school year. All students will be invited to perform. Literature will be studied and selected according to the student's ability and appropriate text. Sources may include art songs, Broadway or sacred music. Students may suggest a song they are interested in singing. Pieces studied must have an appropriate message with appropriate text.

Students are encouraged to perform and share their talent with church, school, community, etc. We welcome the opportunity to help in each of these areas. An accompanist will be provided for competitions/events for an additional fee. These fees are standard for any vocal competition or performance.

Praise is the best teacher! Encourage your child to sing for you and demonstrate different vocal techniques that we are studying. We welcome any suggestions or comments from parents. Thank you for your commitment to your child and to music.

"Every human being should have the opportunity to experience
and share, through music, those emotions that uplift mankind, nurture
quality of life, and give depth and meaning to our existence."

- Richard L. Floyd

I understand and agree to the policies above: _____

PLEASE KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS

**LESSON REQUEST FORM
FOR VOICE LESSONS
REEDY HS CHOIR**

I desire supplemental music instruction for my son/daughter in VOICE at RHS. I understand the cost per 25-minute lesson for providing music instruction is \$26 each, generally four lessons per month and is a year long commitment.

Print Student Name

Student Email Address

Student Signature

School Attended Last Year

Name of previous Voice Teacher

Student Phone

Parent Name

Parent Email Address

Address

Zip

Parent Phone

Circle the choir classes in which you are enrolled: View [2025-2026 RHS Bell Schedule](#)

(Lion Corps 1A)

(Innovation 3A)

(Bella Voce 4A)

(Chorale 2B)

(Nova 4B)

Voice lesson space is limited. Some students may be scheduled during the lunch break to accommodate lessons. (Don't worry, you will still get lunch)

List Preferred Teacher _____

Reedy HS Voice Teachers Include: Dr. Samantha Lee

If you do not have a preferred teacher, or their schedule is full, one will be assigned to you. It is recommended to have (1) voice teacher. Otherwise, it can create conflict/confusion with technique. If your child has a voice teacher outside of school, please do not sign up for lessons at Reedy.

Acknowledgement for contract: I understand and agree to the policies above:

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____

Please return this Lesson Request Form to Mr. Tarpley ASAP. You will be contacted by your private teacher for payment of \$104.00 for the first 4 lessons. Applications will be accepted through the second week of school, although lessons are on a first-come-first-served basis. Thank you.