

# Rice Middle School Raven Orchestra

## Request for Private Music Lessons 2025 - 2026

The Plano ISD Supplemental Music Lesson Program provides students with the most effective opportunity to improve their musical ability through private study with an instructor specializing in their instrument. Unlike the larger orchestra classes, which are designed to teach fundamental skills to multiple students, private lessons allow each student to receive custom-tailored instruction to develop his or her specific needs. Lessons last approximately 25 minutes and cost only **\$25.00** per lesson (outside the schools, lesson costs can range from \$30-\$150 per lesson!). Our senior high directors audition private instructors in order to maintain high lesson quality, and private instructors must undergo regular criminal background checks in the interest of safety.

Private music lessons are certainly not required for your child to be successful in orchestra, but are highly encouraged. Most advanced students do study privately. Lessons are intended to be enrichment activities and will actually become the focus of each student's individual practice and development. Private lessons are not a part of your child's grade.

Every effort is made to place any student desiring supplemental music lessons with an approved teacher. If a teacher is not available, the student's request for lessons will be kept on file until an approved instructor is available.

Private teachers maintain their own schedules and handle their own financial records. Some lessons may be scheduled during your child's orchestra class or before or after school depending on the instructor's schedule. **Once a student is signed up for private lessons, they are expected to continue with lessons. It takes more than a few weeks to see the benefit of private lessons.** If the student wishes to discontinue lessons, the student's parents must provide two weeks notice to the private instructor. Each private teacher will provide more information about scheduling and payment.

Please complete and return this form to your child's director indicating your receipt of the information and your intentions regarding private lessons through Plano ISD. Please contact the directors if you have any questions.

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Instrument:** \_\_\_\_\_  
print first and last name

**Orchestra Class Period:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate space below:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes!** I wish for my child to take private lessons at Rice.

If your child is already studying with a Rice private teacher, please write their name below.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I am already taking private lessons from \_\_\_\_\_ outside of school.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not interested in private lessons at this time. I understand that I may contact the orchestra staff at any time should I wish to take advantage of private lessons.

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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