

PROPOSAL FOR THE  
31st ANNUAL  
**SUMMER INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM**  
HIGH BRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2021

- I. I would like to propose a 5-week summer music lesson program open to all students entering grades 4-9. This program will be offered at **both in-person and optional Virtual lessons** via google meet. Private Instrumental music lessons for all instruments including piano and guitar will be available on a weekly basis. Students will be charged **\$80.00** tuition for weekly lessons. This is the same rate as last year. Single scheduled lessons will be \$16.00 per lesson. This rate is very reasonable when compared at the going rate of \$25+ per 30-minute lesson! The tuition fees charged to enrolled students will defer all costs of the program covering the advisor's salary in full. This means the program will run with **no cost to the Board of Ed.** The Summer Music lesson program in High Bridge Schools is celebrating its 31 years!!
  
- II. The program will begin on Monday, June 28th, 2021  
Ending on Thursday, July 29th, 2021  
Lesson days will be Mondays through Thursdays through (additional Friday times may be added if enrollment calls for it). Each student will be scheduled for one half-hour lesson at a fixed time slot once per week. I will be scheduling lesson appointment times from 9am.-3:30 pm. (tentatively). Lessons will be scheduled by appointment. Parents will be surveyed via a Google form to effectively schedule around the student's needs. III. At the end of the program, each student will receive a certificate of participation for their efforts in the program. In addition, all parents will receive a written summary (email), of their child's progress towards their musical goals.
  
- IV. For in-person lessons, I am requesting use of the Middle School Music room (or any other available room between the two schools will be fine!)  
In person lessons will follow COVID-19 distancing guidelines. Lessons are also being offered through individualized google meet appointment times. A lesson schedule will be set up utilizing google calendar. Students will also receive email reminders about upcoming lessons. Parents are also encouraged to sit in on their child's lesson to help with preparation and the reinforcement of concepts. Distance learning is far from optimum educational situation but it will definitely help each student to work on their individual musical goals and most of all, keep them playing!  
  
As coordinator of this activity, I am requesting to be compensated at a rate of \$29.11 per hour (which is the current rate for Co-Curricular).
  
- VI. Again, it is a great pleasure to be Coordinating the **31st Annual Summer Music Program** in High Bridge! Keeping musicians playing during the summer months has paid huge dividends to our program! Individualized instruction in through music studies gives students the best possible advantage for interest and success. Maintaining the student's positive feelings about themselves and their musicianship is what keeps our program "going and growing"! This proposed summer program would help our young musicians to accomplish more and more each school year!

Thank you for your support!!  
Jeff Thompson