

WHITMAN MUSIC – PRIVATE LESSONS

Private instruction is recommended. There will be an optional private lesson program set up during and after school. More information on this will be coming. The Bandroom is usually open after school till 4:30 if students are interested in coming to get extra help. See Mr. Bresowar to make sure that it is ok to come that day.

MUSIC OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS

The Whitman Music Program is open to all musicians whether you have been playing an instrument since elementary school or just picking up a new instrument for the first time. If you need an instrument contact the band or orchestra director.

WE WANT STUDENTS TO SUCCEED

We want our students to be successful in music. We require students to practice their instruments outside of band rehearsal time, and we encourage parents to get involved in encouraging in home practice and take advantage of lesson opportunities.

Because our bands and orchestra comprise 25 to 30 students limited time is spent teaching students how to play their instruments during band and orchestra classes, as it is not very practical.

PRIVATE / GROUP LESSON OPORTUNITIES

Our band parents have put together a list of local private lesson teachers covering all instrumentalist and vocalist. Lessons can be held at the instructor's location, at your own home and even at the Whitman band room during and after school. For coordination of in school lessons please contact the band director and band volunteer coordinator [Scott Radford](mailto:Scott.Radford@msn.com) at 206-706-0828 or email at swradford@msn.com

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE

"Practice makes perfect" - wrong! ... "Perfect practice makes perfect!"

Our recommendation is for the students to practice outside of band time. Individual practice however is the best way for your children to improve on their instruments. Please encourage your children to pull out there instrument regularly and play at home. See Tips for Practice for recommended practicing techniques

Music teachers without doubt play a very important part when learning an instrument, but even the greatest teacher in the world cannot make you into a better musician; they can only tell you how to improve on your skills and technique, the actual improvement has to be done yourself and generally by yourself!