



GOALS ♥ ACADEMY
TK-6th Grade, Free, Public Charter School
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A School Families Love!



**VISUAL PERFORMING ARTS AND ART CONSERVATORY
MUSIC**

Program Synopsis

All scholars will have the opportunity to be involved in music at the Goals Academy.

- Wednesday is music day in the VAPA (visual and performing arts) Program at the Goals Academy.
- At this writing, all 1st through 6th grade students will receive music instruction during the school day. Kindergarten will be involved through the Little Labs program after school.
- Classroom instruction will be general and exploratory in nature. Students will learn the fundamentals of reading music as well as studying the different instruments, periods/styles, and composers of music.
- After school, during the Art Conservatory time, the focus will be on learning to play a musical instrument. Instruments include wind, string, and keyboard. Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, and Piano will be taught. Art Conservatory classes for music will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday after school.

Meet the Teachers

- Bill Schroeder: Bill is Dr. Schroeder's husband and a retired music teacher. He will be teaching the instrumental music classes (wind and string) after school.
- Christine Han: Christine was with us for most of last year, and will be teaching the VAPA program during the school day and keyboards after school.
- Brandi Castle: Brandi joined us during the third trimester last year and will be working with us again this year. She specializes in the youngest scholars and can teach private piano lessons for those interested.

The Scholars

VAPA scholars will learn about music and hopefully develop an interest in learning to play an instrument and participating in the after-school Arts Conservatory. Nothing other than attendance and good behavior is required.

The Arts Conservatory for music has some restrictions relative to age and materials.

- Parents need to be able to provide an instrument. Information on this is available.
- Scholars need to be physically capable of playing an instrument. Reaching 7th position on trombone or going over the break on the clarinet are generally achievable by 4th or 5th grade.
- It is useful for scholars to have a background in understanding fractions as there are wholes, halves, quarters, eighths, and sixteenths in music.
- GOALS Academy owns 15 keyboards. Therefore, the keyboard classes after school are limited to 15 scholars.

The Parents

The best music parents are the ones who realize and are willing to provide the monetary and emotional support that involvement in these types of programs needs.

We wish there was no expense involved, but musical instruments cost money. As you travel through junior high and high school, you will find that EVERYTHING your child can be involved with has expense attached to it. The good news is that the music programs have well-developed booster clubs that mitigate most of the expense through your involvement. In elementary school, expenses will be limited to providing an instrument (approximately \$25/month) and private lessons if you are interested. If you already own an instrument, GREAT! If you want to buy one, please consult with Mr. Schroeder before doing so. Pawn shops can have good deals, but you need someone who knows what s/he is doing look at the instrument before purchasing.

The other quality of the best music parents is keeping apprised of what is going on with rehearsals, performances, and making sure the scholars are where they need to be when they need to be there. This kind of support is most important.

Communication

There will be many times during the year when communication is important. The school either needs to get some information to you, or you have a question that needs answering. We plan to use the GOALS Academy website for this purpose.

Many details that are not discussed here will be covered in detail on the website. Information on the Music Learning Community.com and other items will be covered in detail on the website. Check it out regularly.