

PRIVATE LESSONS

Each student naturally progresses at a different level and speed. Some need extra help to keep moving at the same pace as the rest of the band, while others need extra challenges to reach their highest potential. While the band directors will try to work individually with students who need extra attention, with over 500 students in the band program, there is little time to do so. Therefore we encourage all students to study privately with a reputable teacher.

We are fortunate to live in an area where good teachers with flexible schedules are available. Early training by professional teachers can lead to advanced skills, greater chances for earning spots in honor groups, and possibly scholarships to college somewhere down the road. In this regard, lessons are not an expense, but an investment in the future. Parents and students interested in private lessons should consult several sources. Some ways to find qualified private instructors are:

- ask parents of successful band students who their student studies with
- consult the list of private instructors
- call the local music stores
- ask the directors for any updates in the list

Flute

Candace Keach	Classic Winds
Sara Hydo	Music and Arts
Nancy Collier	(770) 977-0046
Katherine Evans	Draisens-Edwards
Frankie Cavanah	Draisens-Edwards
David Freeman	404-664-1104
Skip Lane	Classic Winds
Tim Crump	Ken Stanton
Michele Zebrowitz	Ken Stanton
Donna Donning	Johnson Ferry
Elizabeth Evans	Johnson Ferry

Oboe

Lisa Sayre	(770) 516-1528
Lisa Hauser	(678) 560-3992
Jonathan Shire	Ken Stanton
Allen Barbee	Draisens-Edwards
Kevin Tant	Classic Winds

Bassoon

Shelly Unger	Johnson Ferry
Allen Barbee	Ken Stanton
Fletcher Forehand	Draisens-Edwards
Thaddeus Crutcher	Draisens-Edwards

Clarinet

Mikhail Boguslavskiy	(770) 650-8280
Ester Valido	Draisens-Edwards
Bill Carty	Johnson Ferry
Steve Evans	Draisens-Edwards
Jonathan Shire	Ken Stanton
Kevin Tant	Classic Winds
Michele Zebrowitz	Ken Stanton
Randy Hunter	Ken Stanton
Heather Rodriguez	Classic Winds
David Freeman	Music & Arts

Percussion

Andy Svoboda	Music and Arts
Andrew Faletti	Draisens-Edwards
Omar Martinez	Ken Stanton
Cliff Davies	Ken Stanton
Anthony Iaquinto	Draisens-Edwards
Adrian Ash	Classic Winds
Phillip Smith	Ken Stanton

Saxophone

Bob Cowles	Classic Winds
Mariano Pacetti	Draisens-Edwards
Skip Lane	Classic Winds
Steve Evans	Draisens-Edwards
David Freeman	404-664-1104
Randy Hunter	Ken Stanton
Dane Whipkey	Whipkey's Music
Zack Varner	Ken Stanton

Trumpet

John Howard	Johnson Ferry
Peter Marino	Music and Arts
Paul Peevey	Ken Stanton
Philip Ehrmann	Classic Winds
Dave Ryan-Smith	(678) 427-5875
Kris Roberson	Draisens-Edwards
Michael Lanier	(770) 431-9922
Ernie Baker	Draisens-Edwards

French Horn

Elizabeth Plastiak	Classic Winds
Brian Hedrick	Johnson Ferry
Peter Miller	hornteacher@bellsouth.net
Jay Hanselman	Johnson Ferry
Anna Dodd	(770) 789-6211
Ronald Palmer	Ken Stanton
Patrick Hydo	Music and Arts

Low Brass

Lee Watts	Draisens-Edwards
Jonathan Gill	(404) 964-1741
Jason Piehl	(770) 880-5833
Harry Maddox	Classic Winds
Erik Minkkinen	Ken Stanton
Joe Hughes	(770) 509-3395

Kerry Smith Johnson Ferry

Draisens-Edwards, Parkaire: (770) 971-9755
 Classic Winds: (770) 924-0559
 Johnson Ferry Conservatory: (770) 795-3239
 Ken Stanton Music, Marietta: (770) 427-2491
 Music and Arts, Woodlawn: (770) 977-7073
 Whipkey's Music: (770) 422-8704

When choosing a percussion instructor, be sure to ask for one who teaches "**Total Percussion:**" keyboards, snare drum, and timpani (if available). Taking drum-set lessons will be beneficial, but will not adequately prepare you for concert percussion or Honor Band/All-State auditions.