

I am excited to hear that you and your child are interested in private lessons! This is an invaluable experience in the process of your child's musical development and I look forward to assisting with their endeavors!

To better understand the program, please read the Frequently Asked Questions:

- *What is your mission?*

My mission is to provide the student with professional assistance in the development and/or enhancement of:

- Musical literacy
- Time and rhythm
- Tone and intonation
- Range and finger dexterity
- Music theory and phrasing
- Experience in differentiating styles of music

- *What will my child need for lessons?*

- ✓ A Positive Attitude!
- ✓ Band Binder:
 - Loose-leaf note paper (15 sheets)
 - Band class materials
 - Solos and region music
 - Required Book(s)
 - Pencils
- ✓ Korg TM-50 Tuner/Metronome or Tonal Energy phone application (<http://tonalenergy.com/>)
- ✓ Mouthpiece and Instrument

- *Do I need to notify you if my child will miss a lesson due to another school activity (e.g. Testing, AVID, Athletics)?*

Yes. Private instructors do not typically receive notification of school activities.

- *How much are the lessons?*

During the school year, a twenty-five minute lesson is \$20.00. During the summer, five fifty-minute lessons are \$200.00. Summer lessons can be scheduled around your vacations/activities.

- *How long are the lessons?*

During the school year, a private lesson is approximately twenty-five minutes. During the summer, lessons are fifty minutes.

- *Where are the lessons located?*

During the school year, lessons are located in the band area of your child's school. During the summer, your lesson location will be announced via email but typically happen at one of the high schools.

- *When will my child's lesson be?*

After you enroll via www.DeMarcusWalker.org/enroll, I will notify you of your child's lesson time. Lessons are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis but I will do my best to accommodate you and your child's needs.

- *Can lessons be taught during the school day?*

Yes. Students can obtain a lesson time during their band period. Please keep in mind that there is limited space available for in-class lessons and that lesson times will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

- *What form of payment do you accept?*
The preferred form of payment is <https://www.zellepay.com/> but you may also pay via cash, money order, direct deposit, or check. Cash payments must be sealed in an envelope with your child's name written on the front or back. Money orders should be made out to De'Marcus Walker.
- *When are the payments due?*
Payments are due at the first lesson of each month for the month. If you forget to submit your payment at the first lesson, it is then expected that you will submit the payment via <https://www.zellepay.com/> or mail the payment directly to me within the first week of the month.
- *Can I pay months in advance?*
Yes. Many parents pay months or even an entire semester in advance.
- *How will I submit my payment to you?*
Payments that are not submitted via <https://www.zellepay.com/> should be sent with your child to their lesson or mailed directly to my address.
- *What happens if I forget to submit my payment at the first lesson of the month?*
It is then expected that you will submit the payment via <https://www.zellepay.com/> or mail the payment directly to me within the first week of the month.
- *Can I pay for lessons individually?*
No. Lessons are to be paid monthly.
- *What happens if I can't make a lesson?*
Please give 24-hour notice before canceling a lesson. Failure to do so will require you to pay for the lesson without an opportunity for make-up. Excused absences will not be charged.
- *Do you give make-up lessons?*
When my schedule permits, I will give make-up lessons. If a prepaid lesson is cancelled with 24-hour notification and I am not able to make it up, the funds will be credited to the next month.
- *Are scholarships available?*
Scholarships are available at some schools. You will need to inquire with the band director of your child's school.
- *When will Fall semester lessons begin?*
Lessons will begin as soon as possible.
- *Are lessons available during the summer?*
Yes. I will contact you with further details toward the end of the school year.

I appreciate the opportunity to educate your child! If you have any other questions, feel free to email or call me at (903) 571-8862.

Thanks,

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