

LD Bell High School Voice Lesson Contract

Welcome to private voice lessons at Bell High School. Voice lessons can provide many tools that will enhance your music experience and support everything you are learning in choir, as well as give you (your child) the extra attention he or she may need in order to be competitive in all-state auditions, solo and ensemble and other solo opportunities at school. Lessons also help develop skills such as ear-training, sight-singing, good posture, breath control, and healthy singing habits. Singing depends far less on natural talent than most people would imagine. Great singing is achieved through effective instruction and consistent practice. To get the most out of private lessons, here is what you will need:

An Open Mind & a Good Sense of Humor

Learning to sing involves coordinating movements and processes. While the goal may be beautiful music, learning this coordination can lead to some surprising sounds along the way! Stay focused on the process and accept whatever bizarre sounds may emerge from your throat, trusting that the process will eventually lead to the singing experience you desire.

A Commitment to Learning

The basic skills of singing need to become habitual for singing to feel natural and spontaneous, and this takes time. Stick to a structured practice schedule, be patient and take a long-term view.

Basic Information

Lessons take place during the school day, either during choir class or before or after school. They are 25 minutes and the cost is \$18 per lesson. Financial aid may be available for those who find this a great hardship. Please direct all inquiries to Mrs. Antinone. Lessons must be paid for in advance, by the first lesson of the month. No lessons are given on credit. Make checks out to your voice teacher. **Do NOT make out the check to L. D. Bell Choir.** Cash is also acceptable. Any returned checks must be reimbursed with added fees. Please read the cancellation policy carefully to avoid paying for missed lessons. Any payment that is over one week late will have a \$10 late fee attached. (PayPal is also an acceptable form of payment. However, please make sure your account is set up so as not to have fees deducted. Any fees withdrawn by PayPal will be added to your next bill.)

Cancellation Policy

You must provide your private teacher with 24 hours' notice to cancel or reschedule a lesson so that your teacher can offer your lesson time to another student. Inform me as early as possible if you will have to miss a lesson by calling my mobile phone number. Your teacher will establish their preferred method of communication, whether it's via email, text message, phone call, etc. If a lesson is missed without a full 24 hours' notice, that lesson will be forfeited. If your lesson falls on a school holiday, with the exceptions of major school breaks, lessons will be made up the same week, if possible. Note: if your teacher has to cancel your lesson for any reason, that lesson will be made up as quickly as possible, at the latest, within the same billing month. Any lesson cancelled by the teacher which is not made up will result in a full lesson credit on your next month's bill. See your voice teacher for additional policies regarding school-related absences.

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Accompanist Fees:

Students are expected to pay a fee for their accompanists. Fees vary but usually are \$15-\$25 for a recital or contest. This fee covers rehearsal, recording and performance with a professional accompanist. There are typically 3 recitals per year: Winter Recital, Solo and Ensemble Recital (late January or early February), and Spring Recital (in May).

Expectations

The voice teachers expect students to be on time and prepared for their lessons. They should practice at home regularly so that lesson time is focused on technique and musicality and not on learning notes and rhythms. In turn, the teachers will provide the very best musical instruction and support that they capable of. With these expectations met, we will have a very rewarding experience together.

Enrollment:

To enroll your student in voice lessons, complete the information on this registration form and **return it with your payment** to the choir director. Lessons will be scheduled on a first-turned-in, first-scheduled basis.

Thank you so much for your interest in the voice program. We look forward to a new year of success and growth.

The Voice Staff of L.D. Bell

Kelly Wolff, Cora Winstead, and Kelly Miyake

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Voice instructor (director use only)



**Private
Voice :||**

Student Information

STUDENT'S NAME _____ Choir Period _____

Grade _____ Voice Part _____ Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

Street

Apt.#

City

Zip

Email Address _____

Name of Parent/Guardian(s) _____

First and Last Name(s)

Parent Work or Cell Phone 1 _____

Parent Work or Cell Phone 2 _____

Parent's Email Address _____

**** Voice Lessons will be scheduled during the student's choir class period on a first-come first-served basis. Please list alternate times when lessons could be scheduled in the event that this is not possible (ex. Before/after school or release period)**

I understand and agree to adhere to the before-mentioned statements pertaining to private voice lessons including payment, cancellation policy, and student expectations.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

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Name _____ Choir Period _____ Grade _____

Are you enrolled in:

Dual Classes Yes No

Release period Yes No

Office Aide Yes No

Tri 1 Schedule

1st _____
2nd _____
3rd _____
4th _____
5th _____

Tri 2 Schedule

1st _____
2nd _____
3rd _____
4th _____
5th _____

Tri 3 Schedule

1st _____
2nd _____
3rd _____
4th _____
5th _____

NOTES (director use only)
