

## **Private Lesson Rebate Program Grand Haven Bands**

To support Grand Haven's bands and to make music lessons more accessible for families, the Grand Haven Band Boosters Association offers the Private Lesson Rebate Program. This program allows students to take individualized lessons at a significantly reduced cost.

### **Why Are Private Lessons Important?**

Private instrumental lessons not only benefit individual students – they also contribute to a quality band program. Students taking private lessons advance more quickly in their musical abilities, learn proper playing techniques for their individual instrument, and develop better practice skills – all of which makes them better musicians in band and instrumental ensembles.

### **What Can Private Lessons Do For My Student?**

Learning an instrument can be intimidating, as it requires a student to coordinate their fingers, tongue and breath, posture, note-reading, counting, and hearing. Private lessons can help a beginning musician meet this challenge, avoid frustration, and ultimately to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of music. For more advanced students, private instruction can help keep them motivated and challenged with higher-level musical repertoire and technical skills than they would get through the band program. Private instructors may also have connections to other performance opportunities or scholarship programs for advanced study.

### **How Does the Rebate Program Work?**

Band and jazz band students in grades 5-12 taking private lessons on their primary instrument are eligible for this program. Only lessons taken during the school year are eligible. Students must fill out the Rebate Program Registration Form and make sure that their instructor is approved by the band program and is willing to participate in the program. Band directors can provide a list of private lesson instructors and can give approval to an instructor for this program. Eligible students will then utilize the GHBBA Lesson Rebate Form for each lesson they attend. For each lesson at which the student is prepared and has met their teacher's expectations, the teacher will make and sign an entry on the Rebate Form.

- Rebate forms must be submitted at the end of each semester. Rebates will be mailed within 2- 4 weeks after receipt of the GHBBA Lesson Rebate Form.
- Approved Adult instructor rebate rate is \$10.00 per lesson. Approved Student instructor rebate rate is \$5.00 per lesson.

### **Private Lesson Rebate Program Policies**

The intent of this program is to support those band students taking private lessons on their primary band instrument. The Rebate program is intended to serve as an incentive for motivated band students who are planning on taking private lessons regardless of the rebate. Funds for this program come from the Grand Haven Band Boosters Association (GHBBA). Rebate levels vary from year to year. The program will run through the school year, or until funds are depleted. A maximum of 1 lesson per school week is eligible for rebate. It will be the responsibility of the student to turn in all the required forms and to get their teacher's signature on the Private Lesson Rebate Form.