Private Music Lessons

Is your child playing their band instrument? Students are more likely to regularly play their instrument when they have a planned engagement. Now that the school year has ended, I recommend getting private lessons.
Private Lessons are a great way for your child to continue playing their instrument over the summer. Not only do they get the benefits of regularly practicing, but a dedicated teacher can help your child reach their playing goals even quicker or even make it easier for your child to play their music.
Here is my list of recommended teachers. Some are on the eastside and some are in Seattle.

Individual Instructors

Flute - Jennifer Ridout
831-224-5539
jenniferridout89@gmail.com
Jennifer and I have played together for some performances. She is a dedicated music teacher and a wonderful flute player.

Clarinet - Jibin Park
1095069@lwsd.org
Jibin is a local high school student who reached out to me this spring. She has placed into several honors band programs throughout the years including WMEA High School All-State.

Saxophone /
Trumpet
I don't know any saxophone or trumpet teachers in the area. Instead, I recommend reaching out to some of the music studios at the bottom of this sheet.

Trombone - Albert Huang
408-796-8527
alberthuang000@gmail.com
Albert and I have played in several community orchestras together. He is a great trombonist and thoughtful teacher.

Multi-instrument music studios:

Iovanne Music Academy
https://www.iovannemusicacademy.com/

This is a studio with multiple music teachers in the area. The music teacher will go to your home for the lesson. If you choose this option, make sure you have a music stand and a good place for your child and the teacher to focus.

Music and Arts
https://www.musicarts.com/lessons?_gl=1*1gyo7j2*_gcl_au*MTc3ODAyMTIxMC4xNzgxNjQyODEx
Music and Arts has several locations. I frequent the Redmond shop, where they have over a dozen teachers. Lessons take place in designated lesson rooms in the music shop.

Metropolitan Music
https://metropolitan-music.com/t-3-lessons.aspx
This music shop in Kirkland has a network of both Seattle- and Kirkland-based private instructors. You can contact a teacher from their website to set up a lesson.

FAQ

What does a private lesson offer that band does not?
The goal of band is to create music together as a group. As the band teacher, I can only take short moments away from directing the large group in order to help with quick fixes that an individual student might need. But anything that needs more direct, sustained support will be out of my reach. A private instructor, however, meets your child exactly where they are at. They can fill in any gaps in your child's musical knowledge and conduct sustained practice sessions to show your child the best way to approach their music. They can also recommend new music to work on based on your child's particular skills and interests, whereas in band, we are limited to songs that will be playable by the majority of students.

Do I need to take private lessons in order to do band?
No, but it is recommended.

Should I continue lessons when band starts up again?
I recommend continuing private lessons during band, especially if you enjoy working with the instructor. There is only so much I can do during band class, so getting additional dedicated support from a professional will help you feel more comfortable playing.

How often do the lessons occur?
Lessons are generally a weekly commitment. Teachers usually can reschedule or not charge for a lesson if given advance notice of an absence.

How much do lessons cost?
The price will vary, but you should expect to pay around $50 for a half hour lesson. More experienced teachers may charge even higher rates, and those traveling to your home may include a travel stipend.