



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

6B. Report

Date: August 14, 2006

SUBJECT: FINE ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

BOARD GOAL: All systems in the Keller Independent School District will be effective, efficient, and accountable in support of the district's mission.

FISCAL NOTE: No Financial Impact

Background Information:

- Formally known as Music Enrichment.
- Keller ISD Fine Arts Enrichment Program offers is an optional private lesson program as enrichment above and beyond classroom instruction the student receives. Enrichment lessons are available to any KISD student participating in a middle school or high school fine arts course (or 6th grade band) with a private instructor on staff with the enrichment program.
- Lessons are given before or after school or during a student's fine arts class period and are typically 1/2 hour once each week. Strings lessons are offered before or after school at the elementary level. Dance, theatre, and art private instructors are new to the staff.
- Participation is completely voluntary. Lessons are not a required part of the curriculum and instruction for a fine arts course and are not required for placement in advanced performing groups.
- Forty-six private music instructors were on staff in 2005-2006. These are contracted service providers, not district employees. District employees cannot teach their own students for pay.
- To ensure equal access to this enrichment opportunity, scholarships are available to students and parents whose income status may prevent participation in the private study program. Funds are generated through booster club and student activity account fundraisers to cover these costs.
- Approximately 600 students participated in the program in 2005-2006. 70 students were given partial or full scholarships provided by booster club funds or student fundraisers.

Administrative Considerations:

- Students pay \$16 per half-hour lesson (same as 2005-2006). The private lesson teacher will retain the entire amount of the lesson fee. This process was changed from the district retaining \$.75-\$1.25 per lesson for administrative costs. This will help KISD remain competitive in private teacher pay and administration of the program with surrounding districts.
- Each private lesson teacher pays a \$25 administrative fee for building usage, photo ID badge, and a criminal background check.
- The program is financially self-supporting and incurs no additional cost to the district.
- Each private lesson teacher annually submits an application, signs an agreement, and authorizes a criminal background check.
- An intranet listing of all approved enrichment teachers will be updated regularly and made available to KISD teachers.
- A lesson log and scholarship list is due to the fine arts teacher from the private instructor on a monthly basis.
- All enrichment documents can be downloaded from <http://finearts.kellerisd.net/finearts>

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Respectfully submitted,

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