## **Piano Technician Program**

The FBISD Fine Arts Department would like to share exciting news about the Piano Technician Certification Program, the first of its kind in any high school in the nation!

The Piano Technician Certification Program is a District **Program of Choice** located at Marshall High School where students work to complete four one-year courses, along with their other graduation requirements. **The deadline to apply is April 15th.** 

Students must enroll at MHS to participate in the program, and transportation will be provided for those not zoned to the campus. Students enrolled in the Piano Technician program will study the parts of the piano and their function, as well as how to tune, repair, move, and finish pianos. Financial literacy and small business operations are also part of the curriculum. Students will earn high school credit as well an industry certification (Piano Technicians Guild's Registered Piano Technician) upon high school graduation and may pursue post-secondary training and Master Piano Technician certification at the University of Houston. There are also opportunities for additional training and apprenticeships through piano retailers and manufacturers.

Students will develop the necessary skills to work as a professional piano tuner or piano technician upon graduation. Piano technicians tune, repair, and regulate pianos at concert venues, as well as colleges and universities. Due to a lack of training programs, these professionals are in great demand. The starting salary for a piano tuner is \$60,000 annually. There are no gender or physical limitations for piano tuners and technicians beyond the ability to use hand tools and distinguish pitch. Students wishing to pursue a career in music or any other field can use their piano tuner/technician skills to pay for their college education.

Below you will find information about the Piano Technician program. The program website includes information about the application process and program requirements, and the video provides an overview of the program, application procedures, requirements, and student perspectives.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have! Sincerely,

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