

## Independent Contractor Agreement



Please provide all information requested and sign page two.

**WHEREAS**, Linn-Mar Community School District ("District"), a school corporation, intends to contract with Melanie Bell, Independent Contractor ("IC"), for the performance of certain services,

**THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL PROMISES AND REPRESENTATIONS SET FORTH HEREIN, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED:** Piano accompanist
2. **GROUP/DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH:** Excelsior Band
3. **AMOUNT OF PAYMENT:** \$20 per student (Typically 12-30 students)

Total fees for services performed under this agreement will be paid by the district within 30 days after receipt of invoice from the IC upon completion of all services on 3/12/26, which is the date of completion. An invoice for services should be sent to: Linn-Mar Community School District, Attn: Accounts Payable, 3556 Winslow Rd, Marion, IA 52302.

4. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP:** The parties intend that this independent contractor agreement create an IC relationship between them. The district is interested only in the end results achieved by the services of the IC and that they conform to the requirements specified in this agreement. The manner of achieving these results and the right to exercise control or direction as to the details, means, and methods by which the services are completed is the responsibility of the IC. The IC is not an agent or employee of the district for any purpose. Neither party shall be considered to be an agent, master, or servant of the other party for any purpose whatsoever and neither has any authority to enter into any contract, assume any obligations, or make any warranties or representations on behalf of the other. The district is not responsible for deducting from payments to the IC any amounts for taxes, insurance, or other similar items relating to the IC. Accordingly, the IC shall be responsible for payment of all taxes arising out of the IC's activities in accordance with this independent contractor agreement, including by way of illustration but not limitation: federal and state income tax, social security tax (FICA), unemployment insurance taxes (FUTA), and any other taxes or business license fees, as required. The IC shall further assume exclusive responsibility for the filing of all tax returns due in connection with all amounts paid to the IC under the terms of this independent contractor agreement.
5. **PAYROLL OR EMPLOYMENT TAXES:** No payroll or employment taxes of any kind shall be withheld or paid with respect to payments to the IC. The payroll or employment taxes that are subject to this paragraph include but are not limited to: FICA (social security tax), FUTA (federal unemployment tax), federal income tax, state income tax, and state unemployment insurance tax.
6. **FRINGE BENEFITS:** The IC is not eligible for and shall not participate in any employee pension, health, disability, or other fringe benefit plan of the district.



7. **INSURANCE:** No workers' compensation insurance or any other type of insurance (including but not limited to professional liability insurance) has been or will be obtained by the district on account of the IC. The IC shall comply with the workers' compensation laws (and all other applicable laws) with respect to the IC's employment.
8. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The IC shall indemnify and hold the district harmless from and against all liabilities, claims, debts, taxes, obligations, costs, and expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and costs of appeals) that the district may incur or sustain as a result of any breach of this independent contractor agreement or negligent or other wrongful conduct in the performance of this independent contractor agreement by the IC, or as a result of failure to pay any employment or income taxes arising out of the IC's performance of services for the district. If a suit, action, arbitration, or other proceeding is instituted in connection with any controversy arising out of this agreement or to interpret or enforce any rights under this agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party all attorney's fees, costs, expert witness fees, and litigation expenses incurred by the prevailing party, including those incurred on appeal.
9. **TERM:** This agreement shall begin on February 2, 20 26 and shall continue in effect until March 12, 20 26, unless earlier terminated by either party in accordance with Section 11.
10. **TERMINATION:** This agreement may be terminated by either party without cause upon seven (7) days written notice. Upon termination, the IC shall be compensated for all work performed prior to the date of termination.
11. **ASSIGNMENT:** The IC acknowledges their services are unique and personal. Accordingly, the IC may not assign IC rights or delegate IC duties or obligations under this independent contractor agreement without the prior written consent of the district.
12. **AMENDMENTS:** This independent contractor agreement may be supplemented, amended, or revised only in writing by mutual agreement of the parties.
13. **GOVERNING LAW:** This independent contractor agreement shall be governed by and construed pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa.
14. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** This is the entire agreement of the parties and no other representations, promises, or agreements (oral or otherwise) shall be of any force or effect.

This agreement is signed and dated this 12 day of November, 2025.

Independent Contractor Signature:

Melanie Bell

Title: Piano Accompanist

Linn-Mar CSD Representative Signature:

Title: School Board President

*Please return this form to the Linn-Mar CSD Business Office - 3556 Winslow Rd, Marlon IA 52302*

Internal Use Only

Account Code:

EX BAND

Business Office:

11/18/25

Date

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Initial

Board Meeting:

12/8/25

Date