# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PIANO TECHNICIANS

- Potential starting salary \$45,000 and upwards upon completion of the program
- Partnership with the University of Houston Moores School of Music for post-secondary study and advanced certification as a *Master Piano Technician*
- Opportunities for training/apprenticeships
  through piano retailers and manufacturers

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PIANO TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

Tuner and Repair Technician



## Be a part of the first piano technician program at any high school in the nation.

## PIANO TECHNICIAN PROGRAM SUGGESTED FOUR-YEAR PLAN

Freshmen Year English 1 Algebra 1 World Geography Biology World Language-Year 1 Piano Technician Course 1 (Elective Credit) PE/Athletics (Marching Band or Dance could substitute) Fine Arts Credit

#### Sophomore Year

English 2 Geometry World History Chemistry World Language-Year 2 Piano Technician Course 2 (Elective Credit) Health (.5)/Speech (.5) Elective

#### Junior Year

English 3 Algebra 2 US History Physics Piano Technician Course 3 (Elective Credit) Elective Elective Elective

#### Senior Year

English 4 4<sup>th</sup> Math Course Government/Economics 4<sup>th</sup> Science Course Piano Technician Course 4 (2 periods) (Elective Credit) Elective Elective



## **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

Piano Technician I-IV is an innovative, multi-year course of study where students will develop the necessary skills to work as a professional piano tuner or piano technician upon high school graduation. Piano technicians tune, repair, and regulate pianos (adjust the timbre of the strings) at concert venues, colleges, and universities. There is great demand for skilled piano tuners and piano technicians across the country due to the lack of training programs. The Piano Technician program will be housed and taught at Marshall High School as a series of four one-year courses to any interested FBISD high school students. Students enrolled in the 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 operating a small business also are part of the curriculum. The Piano Technician program is a collaborative effort between FBISD and the University of Houston Moores School of Music. Students will earn high school credit as well as RPT Certification upon high school graduation and may pursue post-secondary training and certification as a Master Piano Technician at the University of Houston.