

Musgrave/Tsai Violin Studio
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Lesson Agreement

Thank you for your interest in providing your child private violin lessons! Learning a musical instrument is a challenge but it develops all of the tools needed to achieve any type of goal, including good discipline and a sense of accomplishment.

If your child is between 3-14 years old, **parent supervision of, and participation in daily practice is mandatory**. This is the only way the students can progress to his/her fullest potential. This requires the parent to be present at each lesson to observe and take notes and videos regarding assignments for the week. The parents of students ages 14 and older are highly recommended to observe each lesson and daily practice at home.

Each violinist's success and enjoyment depends on the ability of the student, parent and teacher to each fulfill their responsibilities to each other.

Parental responsibilities include: playing the recordings, attending lessons, taking notes or videos at the lessons, practicing with the child at home, becoming aware of how the child learns, communication with the teacher and student, learning the basic skills of the instrument and observing and learning from other children's lessons and performances.

Teacher responsibilities include: educating the parent as a home teacher, communication with the parent and student, continuing education as a violinist & teacher, affirming and encouraging the parent's role & suggesting how to practice, and providing performance opportunities and group classes.

Student responsibilities include: practicing daily, listening daily, using provided opportunities for performances and group classes, arriving with materials needed for the lesson (this depends on the child's age; they may need parental help), and communication with the parent and teacher.

Curriculum

Weekly private lesson
Regular group classes
Student performances
Regular attendance of musical performances
Home practice and listening

LESSON SCHEDULES

Private lessons are scheduled with the teacher based on mutual availability. There may be times when the teacher may need to reschedule lessons due to professional performing engagements or illness. If a lesson is canceled for the above reason, the lesson will be rescheduled to the best of the teacher and parent's ability. If a make-up lesson cannot be scheduled, the student will receive a credit for the lesson. If schools are closed due to inclement weather, lessons will not occur, and a credit will be given.

MISSED LESSONS/ABSENCES

Any missed lesson that I do not receive a call, voice mail, or email 48 hours before the day of the lesson is unexcused and the student WILL BE CHARGED for the lesson. Make up lessons in this scenario are subject to availability.

If I receive notice more than 48 hours ahead, we will either find a makeup time, or we will credit the lesson towards the next semester.

Absences of the instructor will be announced as early as possible.

TERMINATION OF LESSONS

The teacher reserves the right to terminate lessons for the following reasons:

- Student misses 6 or more lessons during a school year.
- Student with 3 or more unexcused absences in a school year.
- Student fails to practice on a consistent basis.
- Student displays no interest in violin lessons.

PAYMENT POLICY

Lesson fees are paid by semester in full or in halves.

A \$25 LATE FEE WILL BE ADDED IF THE FEES ARE NOT PAID BY THE LISTED DATES.

Payments accepted include, check, cash, venmo and paypal.

WHAT TO BRING TO EACH LESSON:

1. Violin
2. Bow
3. Shoulder rest
4. Rosin
5. Music, Spiral Assignment (for the parent to take notes and give weekly assignments)
6. Metronome
7. Pencil
8. Learning Attitude

PRACTICING:

Students should practice 5-7 days a week. Below are recommended practice times for students. This is only a guideline; feel free to practice more!!

- Pre-Twinkle (ages 3-6): 10-20 minutes
- Book One: 30-40 minutes.
- Book 2: 45 minutes.
- Book 3: 45-60 minutes.
- Book 4: 1-1.5 hours
- Book 5 and above: 1-3 hours.

PERFORMANCES

There is a formal concert each semester for the students to perform. In addition, there are group classes and other performance opportunities. Location and dates will be announced near the beginning of the semester.

By signing below, I hereby agree to the terms of this contract.

_____ Violin Teacher
_____ Student signature
_____ Parent Signature
_____ Today's Date

Cell Phone _____

Email _____