



RAGS SCHOOL OF MUSIC

# LESSON POLICY

## CURRICULUM & MATERIALS

In order to provide students with a well-rounded music education, lessons are typically split into 3 sections: practicing technique, learning songs, and mastering theory and ear training. Special emphasis is placed on learning to play songs by ear and learning to sight read music. Whether or not you plan on becoming a professional musician or are more of a hobbyist, mastering these two skills is crucial to being able to not only play your favorite music, but also to collaborate with other musicians, which is half the fun of being a musician!

Students will be asked to purchase their sheet music via Amazon (unless it's unavailable there) and will need to bring their homework notebook, lesson book, and theory book to every lesson.

## SCHEDULING & BILLING

Payments for music lessons are made online through our website and processed via Square. Tuition is charged at the beginning of each month and covers all scheduled lessons for that month.

While we do not encourage cancellations or rescheduling, we understand that conflicts may arise. We require at least 24 hours' notice for any cancellation or reschedule. Same-day cancellations or missed lessons are not eligible for refunds or make-up lessons.

Once a student is matched with a teacher, a consistent weekly lesson time will be established. After that, students and teachers may communicate directly regarding occasional last-minute scheduling needs, when possible.

Lessons are conducted primarily at the teacher's home or on campus, with limited availability for in-home lessons. We offer lesson durations of 20, 30, 45, and 60 minutes, and we are happy to help determine the best option based on the student's age, goals, and experience level.

Check out our tuition plans here [https://www.ragsschool.com/pricing\\_](https://www.ragsschool.com/pricing_)

## PERFORMANCES/ RECITALS

We offer two recitals per year, one in the summer and another in December, for students to showcase all their progress and gain valuable performance experience. Our teachers help students carefully choose their performance pieces so that they can present their best work on stage, and have fun playing. We do everything we can to help our students feel comfortable on stage, as performance can be such an integral part of being a musician. This intimate concert event is a unique chance for students to show off their skills and be proud of how far they've come, and for families to see all the hard work pay off!

## PRACTICING & PREPAREDNESS

Consistency is the key to successfully learning an instrument. Students are required to practice and do their homework prior to their scheduled lesson. Beginner students are required to practice 5-10 minutes a day, and more advanced students should practice 30 minutes - 1 hour a day. Though this is a minimal amount of time, the consistency makes all the difference in the productivity of the lesson, which makes for the best use of both the student's and teacher's time. Ultimately we want the students to get the most out of their lessons, but that cannot happen without practice. Our expectation is that the students keep up with their curriculum and if they fall behind, we'll discuss the best plan to help the student stay on track moving forward.

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