

Music Lessons Contract

Student Information:

Name of Student _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Rates

Lessons are offered in 60-minute periods. Prices are a flat \$130.00/month. Though there is no limit to the number of lessons each student can take, standard practice is one lesson each week to allow other students to have their lesson.

Payment should be made in the form of cash, check made out to “Brendan C. Child”, Venmo (@Brendan-Child) or PayPal (brendan@brendanchildmusic.com) and is due at the beginning of each month. I reserve the right to permanently terminate lessons if payment is missed 60 days after payment is due. Prices are subject to change.

Practice Expectations

Younger students should begin with less frequent lesson periods (every two weeks), with 5th to 8th grade students generally taking the 2-week frequency and high school students taking the weekly frequency. Though each student is welcome to book as often as they desire.

Practice expectations increase with the longer lesson periods.

- Students taking lessons every 2 weeks should practice 15-20 minutes/day, 4-5 days/week.
- Students taking weekly lessons should practice 30-60 minutes/day, 5-6 days/week.

These expectations will help the student be as prepared as possible for each individual lesson as progress is made most quickly by those students who maintain the recommended practicing time. This also helps with each student’s physical and mental stamina, which will make each lesson more productive, thereby increasing the value of each lesson.

Practice sessions should be no longer than 30 minutes in length for younger students. Older students should use breaks during longer practice sessions, usually taking 5 minutes of rest after every 30 minutes of practice. Fatigue and injuries due to overuse can eventually become a concern if the student does not utilize sufficient practice breaks.

Parent Expectations

Once the instructor is gone it is up to the student to do his or her own practicing. Parents are encouraged to be involved in their students practice, as all children/students need help with discipline. Expect to have to remind and encourage your children to practice, and supervision of practice may be required until a routine is begun. Students and parents both need to be accountable for consistent, quality practice.

Quality practicing is without distractions. Practice time should take place in a quiet, well lit, and comfortable area. Practice time should be interruption-free (i.e. no phone calls/texting, no TV, no computer, etc.).

Attendance

Students are expected to be ready at their allotted lesson time. If you are running late for any reason, please call or text me as soon as possible. Your lesson time will not be extended because you are late, and you will receive a makeup credit for late attendance. If I am running late for any reason, I will notify you as soon as possible and reschedule with you.

Unexcused lessons will not be tolerated. You will still be charged despite missing/not using lessons without prior notice. Consecutive unexcused absences are grounds for termination of lessons, and you are still required to pay despite not using lesson time. If you have to miss a lesson for any reason, you are required to notify me at least 24 hours in advance of your scheduled lesson time. If I have to miss a lesson for any reason, I will notify as soon as I know of the conflict. I will do my best to schedule a make-up lesson if this occurs.

If you are ill or recovering from an illness, please let me know as soon as possible and we will cancel the lesson. I would rather you be healthy than attend a lesson without being in a good frame of mind. Also, if significant practice time has been missed during the week in between lessons due to illness, please notify me, as we can postpone that lesson for a week for recovery.

Student Responsibilities

Materials: Students are responsible for the purchase of their own books, instruments, software, and other materials needed for the lessons they are receiving. Places to purchase methods books and sheet music include Amazon (*link available upon request*), steveweissmusic.com, sheetmusicplus.com, eble.com, and jwpepper.com. Some method books are available for free PDF download online, so try a Google search of the book first before purchasing. Materials ordered online are expected within two lessons of when they are assigned. (If they are on backorder, please let me know far enough in advance so that I can arrange to bring a personal copy.) The student also must be prepared to take notes during the lesson. Other materials are made available for free on your portal under the “*Online Resources*” tab on MyMusicStaff.com.

Preparedness: Students are expected to prepare their lesson material to the best of their ability. This is your homework! Being unprepared for your lesson is a waste of your time and mine. Try to submit previous lesson assignments at least 24 hours ahead of your next lesson so I can appropriately review your work. Also, if you forget to bring the assigned books or materials to the lesson, I reserve the right to dismiss you from the lesson and you will still be charged.

By signing this contract, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this contract. I have a copy of this information for future reference.



Brendan C. Child, Educator

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Today's Date