

Valley Violin & Guitar Policies

Quality music lessons *in your home* (Corvallis). Beginning guitar, ages 5+.

Parental Involvement:

Parents are required to attend at least the first month of lessons and to practice with their child during the week. Students become independent musicians at varying ages, very young students may benefit from several years of parental involvement. Talk with Shirl about when it is time for your child to take lessons and practice on their own.

Practice:

Students are expected to practice every day (or as many days as possible with a minimum of 5 days per week). The length of practice time is up to the student/parent and should correspond to the child's attention span. Even 5 minutes of practice can be effective if it is done every day. The length of practice time should increase as the student advances and develops greater focus. The goal is for practice to be consistent, enjoyable, and productive.

Lesson/Practice Space:

Please provide a corner of your home that is relatively free of distractions to be used for lessons and practice time. Please provide armless chairs for the student and teacher. Students may need a child sized chair so that their feet can easily touch the ground.

Cancellations and Make up lessons:

If you need to cancel a please give 24 hour notice by email or phone (contact Shirl on his cell phone at 831-334-8699). In the case of an emergency contact Shirl by phone as soon as you are able.

Scheduling and Payment:

Lessons for each month should be scheduled at the end of the previous month. Fees may be paid (by cash or check to Valley Violin & Guitar) in advance or at each lesson.