

Angela Saunders Music Studio

Studio Policy and Guidelines

My goal is to provide students with a quality music education in which they develop a love and appreciation for the gift of music. Through private personalized instruction, they will gain the necessary skills to create music on their own and enjoy it throughout their lives. Whether or not my students choose to pursue music as a profession, I hope my students will continue to enjoy making music, grow in their confidence, and desire to share their love of music with others.

Attendance Policy

Weekly lesson days/times for each student will be determined prior to the start of the first lesson.

Students are expected to be in attendance and on time for all scheduled lessons. Periodically, lessons may be canceled due to holidays, weather, school closings, etc. As this occurs, the teacher will communicate with the student as far ahead of time as possible.

If a student must miss a lesson, it is expected that they will communicate this to the teacher at least 24 hours in advance, when possible. In the event of sudden illness or other extenuating circumstances, please contact me as soon as possible, and a decision will be made regarding a make-up lesson.

If the instructor must miss a lesson unexpectedly, they will provide notice as far in advance as possible and will schedule a make-up.

Please note: If a student is a no-show for a weekly lesson without advanced notice to the teacher, that student may not receive a make-up for that lesson.

Make-up Lessons

Attendance at lessons is vital to a student's progress. If a lesson must be missed, contact the teacher at least 24 hours in advance.

All missed lessons can be made up with 24-hour notice. Please speak with the instructor to schedule a make-up lesson.

All lessons must be made up at a mutually agreed-upon date and time, and there are no make-ups for make-ups. Makeup lessons must be attended. Missing a make-up lesson forfeits that lesson.

Make-up lessons are also available virtually through Zoom either at the regularly scheduled lesson day/time or on one of the allotted make-up days.

If a student misses their assigned make-up lesson with no advanced notice to the teacher, this lesson may not be made-up.

Withdrawal/Termination

Please give me at least a month's notice before a withdrawal, so that I can have time to fill the spot, if possible.

Two consecutive weeks of missed lessons with no notice or contact with the instructor will forfeit the student's time slot.

Tuition Prices

Tuition covers multiple services I offer to each student. In addition to individual lessons, tuition covers the following:

- time preparing for student's lessons
- recital costs and other event expenses
- professional organization memberships
- taxes as a small business owner
- student accompanying (such as providing recordings for student practice)
- other general studio expenses.

I want to make lessons as affordable as possible while also ensuring I can give a high-quality experience to each student.

Lessons from my home studio in Dover, TN:

- Weekly 30-minute lessons - \$25.00/lesson
- Weekly 45-minute lessons - \$37.50/lesson
- Weekly 60-minute lessons - \$50.00/lesson

Lessons from Mary's Music in Clarksville, TN:

- Students must follow the store's Studio Policy (available upon request)
- Students must adhere to the store's Tuition Prices.

Tuition Payment (Dover Studio only)

1. Lesson payment may be paid in the following ways:

- Monthly Payment Plan - Payment is due on the first scheduled lesson every month for the month.
 - While most months will have 4 lessons/month, there are some occasions in which there will be 5 lessons/month. Please check the calendar for each month before making the payments.
- Weekly Payment Plan – payments are due at each lesson.

2. Acceptable forms of payment are cash, check, Venmo, Zelle, or PayPal.

Required Materials

Guitar

- An acoustic guitar of appropriate size
- Guitar Picks (medium to begin with)
- Tuner (can use app on phone/tablet)
- Metronome (can use app on phone/tablet)
- Extra pack on strings on hand
- Music Books (assigned by teacher)
- Binder for sheet music
- Notebook/Practice Book

Violin

- Violin of appropriate size
- Bow of appropriate size
- Chinrest
- Tuner (can use app)
- Metronome (can use app)
- Extra pack of strings on hand • Rosin
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- Music Books (assigned by teacher) •
- Binder for sheet music
- Notebook/Practice Book

Piano

- Practice Piano/Keyboard at home
- Metronome (can use app)
- Music Books (assigned by teacher)
- Binder for sheet music
- Notebook/Practice Book

Cello

- Cello of appropriate size
- Bow of appropriate size
- Endpin stop
- Tuner (can use app)
- Metronome (can use app)
- Extra pack of strings on hand
- Rosin
- Music Books (assigned by teacher)
- Binder for sheet music
- Notebook/Practice Book

Voice

- Bring a bottle of water to the lesson
- Music Books (assigned by teacher)

- Binder for sheet music
- Notebook/Practice Book
- Accompanist App (see info below)

Voice students will need access to either a piano or may use the **Accompanist App**. The app has access to a large library of classical and musical theater music that includes piano accompaniments to songs. If a student (or their parent) does not play piano, this will allow them to practice their pieces at home. The Pick-6 Monthly plan on the app is \$3.99 a month. I will also provide some teacher accompaniments for warm-ups or songs not found in the app.

At Home Practice:

ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO PRACTICE EXTENSIVELY AT HOME

Practice is essential to a student's success in lessons. Practice is expected and vital to improving as a musician. Practice times, goals, and methods will be discussed in lessons and will fit the student's ability level and age. Please let me know how I can help you or your student learn methods to improve practice at home. Parents are highly encouraged to take part in their child's practice sessions, especially when their child is a beginner.

Other Miscellaneous Information

During the lesson, parents may wait in their cars, may sit in on the lesson, or may wait in the rocking chairs/swings on the front porch.

Contact Information

Phone: 931-627-0024

E-mail: angelsaundersmusicstudio@gmail.com

By signing below, I have read and agree to follow the studio policy outlined above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____