



Lesson Guidelines

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Please arrive 5-minutes prior to the beginning of each lesson, unpack the instrument and get music ready so that the lesson can start on time.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: We will be following state and local health guidelines, which may change over the course of the year. All students and parents will be expected to comply with current protocols.

NOTE: String Instruments must be maintained and kept at appropriate temperatures. NEVER leave instruments in cars or rooms warmer than 75°F or colder than 60°F as they can become seriously damaged.

STUDENTS are expected to:

- ATTEND all lessons
- PRACTICE daily
- BE PREPARED for the lesson
- BRING their instrument and music folder and all other accessories to lessons
- PERFORM at SFK recitals and family concerts
- ATTEND classical music concerts to develop their ear and understanding

PARENTS are expected to:

- PAY the tuition promptly
- CREATE A PROPER PRACTICE SPACE at home and make practicing a part of the daily routine, just like homework
- COMMUNICATE efficiently with their student's teacher
- MAKE SURE the students are dropped off and picked up ON TIME
Teachers often have other work and family commitments after lessons and are not responsible for students past the end of the lesson. Habitual lateness in drop-off or pick-up may result in a student losing their lesson slot.

MAKE-UP LESSONS will be permitted with the following conditions:

- A student who needs to reschedule a lesson for a legitimate reason must notify their teacher at least 24 hours in advance by phone or e-mail.
- If a student is suddenly ill or injured and cannot give advance notice, the student (or parent) must CALL their teacher's cell phone. *Email is not reliable or acceptable for short-notice cancellations.*
- If a teacher needs to reschedule a lesson, the make-up day will be determined by mutual agreement.
- **Lessons missed without prior notice will not be made-up.**
- **If a student misses 3 lessons without a reason they will lose the lesson slot.**

All make-up lessons must be completed within a month of the end of the semester. If a student is ill, please reschedule the lesson immediately.

All SFK families are welcome to attend Taconic Music concerts free throughout the school year (with the exception of the New Year's Eve concert) and will receive complimentary season passes for our summer festival.

For questions regarding tuition, scholarships, recitals, or anything else you are unsure of, please contact Joana Genova at directors@taconicmusic.org

For lesson schedule, sheet music, or instrument maintenance, please contact the individual teacher.