

Studio Policies 2018-2019
Private Violin Studio of Dr. Jamie Chimchirian

Welcome to my private violin studio! Learning to play an instrument is such a humbling yet rewarding endeavor that can help cultivate creativity and discipline. Thank you for choosing to study with me!

Here are my goals as a private violin instructor:

1. Provide a nurturing and encouraging atmosphere for learning how to play the violin.
2. Develop and improve technical and artistic skills on the violin through weekly lessons and assignments.
3. Provide a thorough understanding of music reading and music theory.
4. Provide student with performance opportunities.

Here are my expectations from parents and students:

1. Practice at home! For maximum improvement, students should aim to practice at least five days per week. Parents of students under the age of 12 are encouraged to be present (physically and mentally) during the lesson to help recall lesson details at home.
2. Commitment to learning- Learning to play an instrument teaches so many great skills, such as, patience, self awareness and dedication to a goal. Students and parents are encouraged to remain open to the learning experience. Not all students move at the same rate, and this is entirely natural.
3. Participation in all studio recitals. Part of playing an instrument is performing! Performances are a time to celebrate progress and to enjoy making music.

A) Necessary Materials:

1. A quality violin and bow in working order. Young students who are still growing can consider renting a violin and bow. Older students who are using a full size should consider purchasing a quality instrument. Local violin shops are the best sources for finding a quality instrument and bow. Please do not be tempted to order a cheaply made violin from online shops like ebay or amazon.
2. A music stand for practicing at home
3. A metronome and tuner (can be a combination or one of each). Apps work too.
4. Sheet music, instruction books and recordings as deemed by Dr. Chimchirian.
5. Either a notebook for keeping weekly lesson assignments and notes OR

A method for recording during lessons or practice. Smart phones and Ipads are adequate. Recordings are very useful for home practice.

B) Rates and Scheduling

1. Given my performance schedule, I am generally able to offer 3-4 lessons a month, occurring once per week. Lesson days for upcoming month will be confirmed by both Dr. Chimchirian and the student prior to the payment due date for each month.
2. Payment for the month is due by the first lesson of every month.
3. Tuition fees can be by check, cash or online with venmo. Checks should be made out to Jamie Chimchirian.
4. Tuition may increase annually based on Cost Of Living Adjustments.
5. Lesson Rates:

| Lesson length | Lesson cost |
|---------------|-------------|
| 30 minutes | 40 |
| 45 minutes | 56 |
| 60 minutes | 70 |

C) Attendance

1. Lessons will take place at: My private residence on NE 22nd ave in Portland, OR.
2. No refunds are given for lessons missed by students.
3. **Student absences:** If you need to miss a lesson for any reason, I can offer you a maximum of **two** makeup lessons for the year. Regardless of the total number of student cancellations/absences, I still only offer two makeups. The makeup lesson will occur at a time convenient to both the student and Dr. Chimchirian.
4. **Teacher absence:** Should I need to cancel a lesson for any reason, I am obligated to offer a makeup time convenient to myself and the student at the earliest possible date.
5. Please come to your lesson on time! In the event of a late arrival, the lesson will still end at the regularly scheduled time.

D) Recitals

1. There will be an annual recital for all students in the studio.
2. Participation in recitals is highly encouraged for all students. Performing is a vital part of becoming a well rounded musician.

3. Most pieces have a piano accompaniment, therefore, you should expect to hire a pianist. Fees for the rehearsal and performance vary and will be paid directly to the accompanist.

E) Termination

1. Please give 30-day advance notice if you decide to terminate lessons.
2. I reserve the right to terminate lessons at any time if the student and/or their parents or guardian do not adhere to the policies set forth in this document.

Name of Student: _____

Regularly Scheduled Lesson Time: _____

ACCEPTANCE OF POLICIES

I, the signed, acknowledge, accept, and agree to adhere to the terms set forth in the Studio Policies for the Private Violin Studio of Dr. Jamie Chimchirian (signed by parent of guardian if student is under 18):

Print Name of parent/legal guardian

Signature

Date

Email

Phone

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Date