

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT

*Attend all classes - remembering the day and time, communicating with the teacher whose class you are leaving, and making up missed work.

*Come to class with all necessary materials

- instrument, music folder with book and music, pencil, and practice chart.

*Focus on achievement while in class - We have very little time together, so we must use it carefully.

*Practice carefully at home (not just playing around...I'm talking about a goal - oriented work session) - 5 days a week for at least 15 minutes. At first, it will be good to have an adult help you, but before long, you should be able to practice independently. It's best if you always practice in the same place and at about the same time. This helps to develop the habit and makes it easier to do. Responsible practice is the only thing that can guarantee your success. Each week you will receive a Practice Chart that should be filled out by you, signed by a parent, and returned to me.

HOW PARENTS/GUARDIANS CAN HELP

1. Acquire an instrument, book(s), music stand, concert attire and any other necessary items.

2. Support your student's practice habit. Early on, your guidance can make the difference between success and frustration. At first, it's important to help students to establish a regular place and time for practice and to work together to identify the goal(s) for each practice session. Before long, you'll be able to back off and just listen to a song or two at the end of a practice session. Efficient practice will help them to realize that they can be better players after just one good session. Hearing good results will motivate them to practice again the next day. Remind the students to document their practice time, and please sign the chart each before it's returned to me. I will collect the charts weekly.

3. Attend concerts and help to make it a BIG DEAL!

4. If possible, consider private lessons, summer programs, and other enrichment experiences. Please feel free to contact me if you need any suggestions.