



# EXPECTATIONS MAP 2026-27

FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

Being an SSVS student means managing a variety of tasks to help ensure your success on the violin. Here is a breakdown of what you should expect to be doing on a regular basis.

## Daily (50-65 min active, ~30 min passive)

- Practice for the length of your lesson. (45-60 min, depending on lesson length)
- Listen to your entire current violin book. (~30 min, concurrent with other activities)
- Take care of your violin. (5 min)
  - Tune the strings
  - Rosin the bow
  - Tighten before practicing, loosen after practicing
  - Wipe rosin off the violin

## Weekly (50-70 min independent, 45-150 min in an ensemble)

- Attend your lessons, paying active attention and taking notes. (45-60 min)
- Submit a practice journal the night before your lesson. (10 min)
  - What did you work on?
  - What went well? What was difficult?
  - What do you need support with?
- Attend an ensemble activity (see Semesterly requirements below). (45-150 min: varies widely)

## Semesterly (3 hours)

- Attend at least one professional music performance. (2 hrs)
- Complete at least three listening activities found on Music Stand. (45-60 min total)
- Enroll in an ensemble activity, such as a studio group class, school orchestra class, or Winston-Salem Symphony youth orchestra. (no extra time required)

## Yearly/Ongoing (none)

- Schedule your other activities around violin events (this will, of course, require support and help from your parents/guardians). SSVS is a **violin priority studio**. (no extra time required)