

Salem Suzuki Violin Studio Practice Guidelines and Agreement

Requirements

1. Practice 6 days out of the week.

- Students do not need to practice on lesson days, aside from an optional quick warm-up before the lesson.

2. Aim to practice for the length of your lesson time every day.

- 45-minute lesson = approximately 45 minutes of daily practice.
- If you complete all items on your practice chart in a little less time, that's ok. Completing all items in less than $\frac{2}{3}$ of your lesson time likely means you are not practicing carefully enough.

3. *For students aged 11 and under*, a parent should be present during every lesson and practice session.

4. Aim to practice at the same time every day.

- Practice should become a regular part of the student's routine, just like brushing your teeth before bed.

5. Establish a quiet, calm practice area where the student will not be disturbed or distracted.

6. Fill out your practice chart each week to reflect the tasks completed.

7. Complete assigned listening every day.

- Listening assignments are just as important as active practicing.
- This can be passive listening, unless Ms. Mayers has specified otherwise. Students can listen during a meal, on the way to school, or any other moment that they are not actively engaged in another task.

8. Play a "mini concert" for someone once per week.

- This should be someone other than the student's practice partner.

9. Maintain the condition of your instrument.

- Loosen the bow and wipe off the violin after practicing.
- Rosin the bow every time you play.

- Handle the violin and bow with care, making sure never to drop them or let them collide with other objects.

10. Find ways to have fun!

- Ask Ms. Mayers for practice game ideas if you're getting stuck.
- Celebrate small accomplishments! They add up to huge progress.
- It's easy to get discouraged during a practice session. Remind yourself that it's normal to have off days, and don't force yourself (or your child) to keep going if it feels counterproductive.

I, _____, agree to follow the above requirements to the best of my ability while I am a student in the Mayers Violin Studio. I understand that these requirements are designed to help me grow, both musically and personally.

Signature of Student

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student is under 12 years old)