



# EXPECTATIONS MAP 2026-27

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN UNDER 12

Being a Suzuki parent means managing a range of tasks to ensure your child's success on the violin. Here is a breakdown of what you should expect to be doing as the parent of an SSVS student.

## Daily (35-50 min active, ~30 min passive)

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

## Weekly (40-70 min)

- Attend your child's lessons, paying active attention and taking notes. (30-60 min)
- Submit a practice journal the night before your child's lesson. (10 min)
  - What did you work on?
  - What went well? What was difficult?
  - What do you need support with?

## Semesterly (3 hours)

- Attend at least one professional music performance with your child. (2 hrs)
- Help your child complete at least three listening activities found on the Music Stand platform. (45 min total)
- Enroll your child in an ensemble activity, such as a studio group class, school orchestra class, or Winston-Salem Symphony youth orchestra. (~15 min)

## Yearly/Ongoing (none)

- Schedule your child's other activities around violin events. SSVS is a **violin priority studio**. (no extra time required)