

Frequently Asked Questions

What instruments do you teach?

We offer private lessons in guitar, piano, bass (upright and electric), mandolin, drums, voice, saxophone, flute and clarinet for ages 7 and up. We are continually expanding to include different instruments - if you don't see something listed, feel free to ask us!

Is my child too young to begin?

We usually recommend starting at age 7, although if a student is expressing a strong and serious interest in a certain instrument, we will teach children as young as age 5.

Do you teach adult students?

Absolutely. It is never too late to begin taking lessons, and we accept adult students at all levels, whether complete beginners or seasoned players. In addition, our band program matches adults of similar skills and tastes into adult groups.

Do I need a piano or keyboard at home to take piano lessons?

Yes. Students enrolled in piano lessons will be given assignments each week to practice at home. We expect students to be able to put in consistent practice time throughout the week, so having a piano at home is essential. For beginners, we'd be happy to recommend inexpensive options, including basic keyboards, that may be suitable to start.

Do I Need A Full Drum Set To Take Drum Lessons?

Not at first. Beginning students will only need to purchase a practice pad. We recommend coming to the first lesson and talking to the instructor before purchasing.

What Do I Need to Start Guitar Lessons? Acoustic or Electric?

You will need a guitar to practice with at home. If you do not already have an instrument, we recommend talking to the instructor at the first lesson about what to purchase. If a student wants to study electric guitar, you will also need to purchase an amp and guitar cables. There are many reasonably priced options - we will be happy to provide recommendations.

Can I sit in on lessons in the beginning, or from time to time?

Parents are encouraged to sit in on lessons - family involvement greatly impacts a student's progress. Your teacher will be able to tell you a suitable time to observe. After every lesson, teachers will always meet with the parents in the studio lobby to explain what was covered that day, and what the student should be practicing at home during the coming week.

Can you come to my house for lessons?

While in-home lessons can be convenient, there are distractions at home - siblings, pets, TV. With in-home lessons there is limited oversight on lesson plans. There is no opportunity to interact with other students, or to benefit from our band program. We believe that in-studio lessons are simply the best way to maximize a 30 minute session and to also receive the additional benefits of our studio.

Frequently Asked Questions Continued...

Can I have more than one child in the same lesson?

All lessons are one-on-one. Our instructors prepare a 30-minute lesson to cover an appropriate amount of material for an individual student. Every one progresses at their own pace while learning an instrument, and every student will have different questions and needs. By splitting a teacher's attention between two students, neither student will receive the undivided attention they deserve.

Do you offer group lessons?

Our lessons are strictly one-on-one, but we do offer a band program and group classes. Individualized training is essential to learning any instrument. Group classes are a great way to supplement the private lesson experience.

What if I have multiple kids who would like lessons on different instruments at the same time?

We are usually able to accommodate families who want to schedule lessons at the same time. In some cases, the lessons will be back-to-back, but we will always attempt to schedule lessons as conveniently as possible.

How many lessons can I sign up for?

Our studio is run on a semester basis, in coordination with the school calendar. You may register at any time, even if the current semester is already underway. Students are required to commit for the duration of the semester, and will be given a 30-minute time slot that remains the same each week. Payment is due in full before the initial lesson. We do not permit students to pay for one lesson at a time.

I want to sign up, but I'm not ready to commit to a whole semester of lessons. What should I do?

For new students, we offer a trial first month. This option gives us an opportunity to make sure your teacher is the best possible match, and gives you a chance to be sure you or your student is ready and excited to take on the commitment of having formal lessons.

What if I want to stop my lessons before the end of the semester?

If you wish to discontinue lessons for any reason, we require a 30 days written notice. After 30 days, you will receive a refund for the remaining number of lessons left in the semester.

When are the lesson times?

Our South Orange studio is open for lessons Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday between 3pm and 8pm.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call and/or e-mail us.

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