

Student Expectations

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As a student of The Conservatory, I understand that my responsibility to my music education is:

1. To arrive on time for my lesson.
2. I will arrive to my lesson with all the items I need – books, sheet music, folders, pencil/pen, bottle of water, instrument, etc.
3. Complete all assignments to the best of my ability. I will ask questions about my assignment and instrument.
4. I will set personal goals with my teacher. My goals can be anything I want it to be. Some examples are:
 - a. To be the best musician I can be.
 - b. To learn my favorite song.
 - c. To be able to accompany myself while I sing.
 - d. To be first chair in my school orchestra.
 - e. To qualify for the jazz band.
 - f. To become the next famous musician.
 - g. To attend a performing arts high school or college.
5. I will keep my nails trimmed to assure that I have good hand/arm/finger position and develop correct muscle memory/strength.
6. Treat teachers and equipment with respect even when I am frustrated, had a tough day or feeling down. I know my teacher will support me.
7. Practice time is important to my overall progress. My teacher may suggest a practice technique for me based on my age or skill. Suggestions could be:
 - a. A particular length of time, usually 15 – 30 minutes. Practice time will increase as skills are achieved.
 - b. Practice at least 5 days a week.
 - c. Consistency - You get out of it what you put into it.
 - d. It is about how you practice and not how long your practice.
 - e. Practice in a space that is free from distractions or interruptions.
 - f. Consistent, careful practicing is the key to being well prepared.