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# *Music City Strings*

**Lessons Program  
Parent and Student Handbook**

## **Music City Strings Code of Behavior**

- I treat everyone the way that I want to be treated.
- I use good judgment and think through the consequences of my actions.
- I commit two eyes, two ears, and my brain to learning. I stay focused on what I need to learn without distracting others or letting others distract me.
- I care about my classmates. Without being asked I help others without expecting anything in return.
- I participate with positive energy, and I always give my best effort.

## **Our Philosophy**

We believe that learning how to play music together:

- 1) Can enrich the quality of our lives.
- 2) Helps foster discipline, creativity, and self-confidence through hard work and the accomplishment of meaningful tasks.
- 3) Should be available to students of all social, cultural and economic backgrounds.
- 4) Should be a means to develop meaningful relationships and encourage community building.

## **Our Goal**

Our goal is to promote a supportive community that encourages your child to become a person of strong character with a desire to share the beauty of music with the world.

## **Attendance Policy**

**Regular attendance is a must** both for the progress of the individual student and for the work of the class as a whole.

As a community we rely on everyone — parent, student and teacher — to work together. We foster discipline, creativity and self confidence through hard work and commitment.

## **Basic Requirements**

### **Practicing**

Studying a string instrument requires patience, diligence, and consistent daily practice. Parents need to provide a quiet place for their child to practice at the same time every day. It is extremely important to practice on class days as well as non-class days.

### **Grooming and Attire**

Long nails and musical instruments do not mix! Please make sure that children have their nails trimmed short at all times. Also, long hair needs to be tied back so that it does not interfere with playing instruments.

**Performance party attire:** White shirts, with black pants or skirts. Please no jeans and no shorts or skirts above the knee.

### **Instruments**

A string instrument will be loaned to your child at no cost when he or she has demonstrated that he or she is ready to take an instrument home. At that time, we will set up a parent meeting so that everyone is aware of the responsibilities associated with borrowing a string instrument. These instruments are valued between \$400 and \$800 and are extremely fragile. They must be taken care of and handled with extreme care. Contracts outlining responsibilities must be signed before students take instruments home.

## **Important contact information:**

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