



TIPS FOR PARENTS

Supporting Your Child's Success

Support from parents and other family members is a vital element in a student's successful study of music. Below are some ideas on how to foster a positive experience for your child.

- It is fundamental for parents and teachers to work together to establish shared goals and a mutual understanding of success.
- Consistent, dedicated practicing is essential to success. Your child's teacher will recommend the amount of time your child should practice each day. Work with your child to identify a time every day that doesn't compete with other activities and establish this as their daily practice routine.
- Help your child maintain a practice chart to track their success.
- If your child enjoys experimenting with their instrument, encourage them. Improvisation and student-driven exploration of the instrument heightens musical awareness and curiosity.
- Consider sitting in on lessons. For young children sitting in on the entire lesson each week will help you assist your child in their practice sessions at home and will contribute to a shared understanding of accomplishment. For older students, observing a lesson from time to time will help you understand their experiences and appreciate their individual joys and challenges.
- Keep in touch with your child's teacher. Regular communication will ensure that you, your child, and your child's teacher, are mutually aware of how things are progressing.
- Encourage your child to discuss their lesson with you and to demonstrate works in progress as well as polished pieces.
- If you haven't studied an instrument or theory, consider taking lessons yourself. Some parents register for examinations so they can progress alongside their children.
- Provide opportunities for your child to listen to music. Listening to radio broadcasts, recordings, YouTube videos, web broadcasts, and live performances can inspire your child in meaningful ways. Consider attending performances in local schools. Children will often relate to performances by young people. Ask your child's teacher for recommendations.