

Studio Objectives:

- Develop technical skills as a musician which will allow you to express yourself creatively and musically.
- Develop skills in listening, critiquing, and evaluating musical performances.
- Acquire skills in performance, practice techniques, setting and realizing goals, and assessment of weekly/quarterly accomplishments.
- Achieve student's desired performance goals*.

*created/discussed with Ms. Ripley

Required Materials:

- Instrument and mouthpiece in good working condition
- Materials (current books and repertoire)
- Pencil
- Tuner and Metronome
- Accessories and care Items (mutes, valve oil, etc.)

Practice Expectations:

- Practice happens at home, not in lessons.
- Students will be given specific weekly assignments along with instruction on how to execute each assignment. It is the expectation that students return to the following lesson thoroughly prepared.
- The quality of practice is more important than the length of practice. Create smaller tasks with the purpose of achieving larger goals.
- If the student does not feel they can complete the weekly assignment, it is expected they email with the questions or concerns after they have spent ample time practicing the assignment.
- If this level of preparation is not fulfilled, the lesson will be ended with the full lesson cost incurred.

Attendance Policies:

- If you need to miss a lesson, 24 hours notice is needed. If notification is not given, you will be charged for the missed lesson.
- If you know of your absence before, it is preferred to try and reschedule.

- Please avoid scheduling appointments during lesson times.
- Accepted cancellations include: illness, family emergency, and severe weather conditions.

**** Ms. Ripley reserves the right to cancel lessons for personal or professional reasons. This will incur no cost to the student.****

Payment Policy:

- Lesson cost: \$1 per minute, unless cost is set by school. Lessons will take place for 30 minutes, 45 minutes, or 1 hour
- Payment is due at the end of each lesson unless discussed in advance with Ms. Ripley.
- Payment methods include: Cash, Check, Venmo, Paypal, and Quickpay

Studio Policies and Expectations can be changed by Ms. Ripley at any time!!