

STUDENT ORIENTATION & POLICY

GENERAL – Studio 115A offers lessons for the following: Guitar, Bass, Mandolin, Dobro, Ukulele, Harmonica, Beginner Piano, Vocal Coaching, and Drums. Studio 115A is committed to helping each student advance “musically” as much as his or her time and ambition will allow.

Most instruction is through private lessons which are up to three times more effective than class lessons. Group ensembles are formed for recitals and special functions, sometimes by staff instructors and sometimes by the students themselves.



FACILITIES – All instruction is provided at Studio 115A - 201 N Browder St. Columbus MS - throughout the day and evenings.

INSTRUMENT & TEACHING MATERIAL – All students other than piano or drum students are responsible for providing their instrument. Studio 115A has a limited number of instruments available for rent. Teaching materials will be provided by the instructor at no additional charge. Students are strongly encouraged to invest in a 3-ring binder for their teaching materials and are welcome to bring their phones to record the lesson instruction for review at home. **Students are expected to bring their teaching materials instrument to every lesson.** If a student fails to bring the teaching materials to a lesson, additional copies will be \$1.00/page.

TUITION – Fee is \$120/month (\$30.00 per lesson X 4 lessons). Payment for the month is due at the first lesson of each month. Every student is scheduled for 4 lessons per month. Each lesson is 30 minutes and students participate in one lesson per week in an individual one on one setting. The instructor’s time and the music studio are reserved especially for the student at the same time each week.

NO LESSONS ON 5TH WEEK: If there are 5 lesson days in a month, no lesson will be given on the 5th lesson day of the month **unless arranged by the instructor** (Example: If your lesson is on Monday and there are 5 Mondays in the month then you will not have a lesson the 5th Monday in that month. If your lessons are on Thursday and there are 5 Thursdays in the month then you will not have a lesson on the 5th Thursday of that month).

PAYMENT METHOD - Payment for the full month is due at the **first lesson of each month**. Accepted payment methods are cash, check (made payable to Dennis McKay), all major credit cards, PayPal (paypal.me/macrecords), Venmo (@Leslie-McKay-3), or Cash App (\$mckayville).

LESSON SCHEDULE & COMMUNICATION – Each student is scheduled for **4 lessons each month** unless Studio 115A communicates a change to the schedule. It is the student’s responsibility to show up for their lesson. Studio 115A does **not** follow the local school holiday calendar – lessons are taught during the summer, spring break, Thanksgiving break, Christmas break, etc.

The Instructors at Studio 115A use the **free Remind app** to communicate with students regarding any schedule changes. New students (or their responsible party) are automatically added or sent an invitation to participate in Remind.

LESSONS MISSED/CANCELLED BY THE STUDENT – **No monetary credit will be given for lessons that are cancelled or missed by the student.** Every month, the fee for 4 lessons is due regardless of whether or not a student shows up for their lesson. A reasonable attempt will be made to schedule a makeup lesson. Makeup lessons will be at the discretion of Studio 115A. It is the student’s responsibility to show up for their lesson. Lessons may be cancelled by calling or texting the student’s instructor.

LESSONS MISSED/CANCELLED BY THE INSTRUCTOR – Occasionally, it may be necessary for the instructor to cancel a regularly scheduled lesson. A reasonable attempt will be made to schedule a makeup lesson. Makeup lessons will be at the discretion of Studio 115A. If a makeup lesson cannot be arranged, a credit will be applied to the following month's tuition.

RECORDING – At the discretion of the instructor, each student will have the opportunity to record two songs per year at no additional charge. One copy of each song will be provided to the student. Additional copies of the songs can be provided at a special rate for students of Studio 115A.

PRACTICE – The instructor's role each week is primarily to evaluate the results of the student's previous week's practice and to establish guidelines and goals for the following week. Students should realize that most learning occurs at home during practice sessions. The instructor's main function is to tell the student what to practice and how to practice, thus enabling the student to advance as quickly as possible. The instructor will advise each student individually about practice session duration.

Concerning youngsters, those who do best are those whose parents are most supportive. The musical experience in the home should always be a positive one. Parents should listen to their children often and give praise for even the smallest accomplishments. Children should be encouraged to practice regularly and to perform for friends and relatives at every opportunity.

Although all youngsters need an occasional prod, it is more effective to provide rewards and incentives for faithful practice than to "fuss" at a child for not practicing.

Learning to play a musical instrument requires daily practice. Practice missed over a period of several days cannot be made up in one sitting.

Remember, You Are Only As Good As Your Practice Habits
Miss One Day's Practice – YOU Know It
Miss Two Day's Practice – Your INSTRUCTOR Knows It
Miss Three Day's Practice – EVERYONE Knows It

PLEASE SIGN & RETURN TO STUDIO 115A

Along with the Student Contact Information Form

I have read and understand this student orientation policy.

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STUDENT or RESPONSIBLE PARTY SIGNATURE