



## Lesson Policies

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### Studio Location:

673 Sonoma St.  
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### Teaching Goals

- ➔ Foster good musicianship and musical maturity in every student
- ➔ Customize lessons to musical styles that the student enjoys
- ➔ Give students the experience of playing in an ensemble
- ➔ Maximize joy and minimize anxiety about music lessons
- ➔ Make teaching materials accessible and easy to understand
- ➔ Encourage playing with friends and discovering new music
- ➔ Develop in each student an **enthusiasm for personal musical growth**

### Student Expectations

- ➔ Trust the teacher
- ➔ Put forth your very best effort in every lesson
- ➔ Open your mind to new ideas and new ways of moving
- ➔ Do whatever you can to remember what is covered in lessons by taking notes or recording
- ➔ Practice a little bit every day (even if it's 30 seconds)

### Materials

- ➔ Students may be asked to purchase lesson related items (books, metronome, sticks, etc.). If necessary, copies and loaner materials can be provided.
- ➔ **All students should have a dedicated 3-ring binder to keep track of assignments and to hold loose-leaf handouts. Please bring the same notebook to every lesson.**
- ➔ Each student will be given a password for the student area of [rockinmusiclessons.com](http://rockinmusiclessons.com) for more learning materials, videos, recordings, etc. (currently under development)

## Rates & Payments

### Tuition

- ➔ Monthly payments for weekly lessons are received at the *last lesson of the previous month*.
- ➔ Payments made after the 1st day of the month are subject to a late fee of \$5 per week
- ➔ Payments can be made in cash, check, or on [rockinmusiclessons.com](http://rockinmusiclessons.com)
- ➔ Checks must be made out to “John Doing”

# Hourly Rates

<b>Single One-Hour Lesson</b>	<b>\$80</b>	<b>One-Hour Lessons (Paid Monthly)</b>	<b>\$72</b>
<b>Single Half-Hour Lesson</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>Half-Hour Lessons (Paid Monthly)</b>	<b>\$40</b>

## Flat Rate Monthly Payments

The Flat Rate Monthly Payment is a commonly used method for private teachers that allows for equal and consistent payments throughout the year with built-in non-lesson weeks and teacher time off. The student pays the same amount every month regardless of which month it is or how many weeks are in the month, but never pays for lessons they don't take!

Here's how it works:

Out of 52 weeks there are 46 Lesson Weeks per year.

There are 6 Non-Lesson Weeks per year, including some of the most common vacation weeks:

- 1 Week over Spring Break
- 1 Week over Thanksgiving
- 2 Weeks at end of December
- 2 Weeks Additional Teacher Time Off (students will be notified)

The **Flat Rate Monthly Payment** is  $\$72$  (hourly rate)  $\times$  46 (lesson weeks)  $\div$  12 (months)

It is paid once per month, every month, while the student is enrolled in lessons:

<b>Hour Long Lessons</b>	<b>\$276 per Month</b>
<b>Half-Hour Lessons</b>	<b>\$153 per Month</b>

*Your teacher will be happy to answer any questions you have about this!*

### **If the teacher cancels a lesson for any reason:**

- a) It may count as one of the teacher's 6 no-lesson weeks, or
- b) The teacher will reschedule the lesson, or
- c) The student will be credited the next month for the missed lesson.

### **If the student cancels a lesson:**

For any lesson cancellation by the student, the student can request a **make-up lesson** during normal teaching hours (i.e. taking the time slot of another student who cancelled).

### **To stop or pause lessons:**

The student may stop lessons at any time and receive a refund for remaining lessons in the month.

Students who need to take time off outside of the 6 non-lesson weeks have three options:

- a) Pay 100% for their time slot and make up all lessons upon return (no time limit),
- b) Pay 50% to reserve the time slot (no make-up lessons), or
- c) Pay nothing but risk someone else taking the time slot.

# Studio Information

The Rockin' Music Lessons Studio is located at a private residence in the East Richmond Hills:

**673 Sonoma St., Richmond, CA 94805**

- ➔ When you arrive, please make your way up the red path and stay to the right to enter through the studio entrance at the back/right side of the house.
- ➔ The quiet residential neighborhood always has street parking
- ➔ Try to park in front of 673
- ➔ Please do not park in the Driveway

## Waiting Area

For adults who accompany younger students to lessons, there are a few options:

- ➔ Most people prefer to wait outside in the back yard. A few steps from the studio entrance is a small back yard with a table and chairs. Feel free to pick a piece of fruit from the trees!
- ➔ Students generally seem to do better when the parents are not in the studio, but parents are more than welcome to sit in the lesson if needed. Chairs are provided for parents/guardians inside the lesson studio.
- ➔ Some people choose to wait in their car or drop off, run errands, and then pickup.

## Driving Directions

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### From Highway 80 East

- ➔ Take the Solano Street Exit.
- ➔ Stay Right at the Exit and turn Right on Amador
- ➔ Take the first Left onto Clinton
- ➔ Go up and around for 3 blocks and turn Right onto Sonoma
- ➔ It's the second house on the Right

### From Highway 80 West

- ➔ Take the MacBryde Street Exit and turn Left on MacBryde
- ➔ In 2 blocks take a Right on Yuba
- ➔ In 4 blocks take a Left on Clinton
- ➔ Take the next Right onto Sonoma
- ➔ It's the second house on the Right

### From the Arlington

- ➔ Heading into Richmond from El Cerrito, pass Arlington market on your left
- ➔ After a few blocks, turn left on Tulare
- ➔ Veer quickly right onto Yale Ave.
- ➔ Veer quickly left onto Clinton Ave.
- ➔ Take a left on Sonoma
- ➔ It's the second house on the Right

# Student Information

Please complete this page, make a copy for your records, and give it to the teacher.

Student Name	
Age (if applicable)	
Instrument	
Parent/guardian Name (if applicable)	
Cell Phone Number	
E-Mail Address	
Home Address	
Address Line 2	
Address Line 3	
Emergency Contact Info	
How Did You Hear of Us? (Referrals earn one free lesson)	

*“I have read, and agree to the lesson policies at  
Rockin’ Music Lessons”*

Signature of Student/Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_