

Gessner Oboe Studio: Student Contract 2022-2023

PARENTS: after reading, complete the Student Information [form here](#).

What I expect from you:

Each student is assigned the same day and time for each lesson of the 34 weeks of the school year. Each lesson is meant to be a tool for personal improvement in music and on the oboe, and will not be a supervised practice session. I maintain the right to end the lesson at whatever point I see fit. If there are too many weeks of unprepared lessons and excuses, together with the student and parent, we will reevaluate to see if lessons are a priority and beneficial to the student.

Practice and homework requirements

Every student is **required** to practice at home. The following are minimum practice requirements:

- Beginner students (>2 years): at least 4 days a week for at least 30 minutes
- Intermediate students (2-3 years): at least 4 days a week for at least 45 minutes
- Advanced students (3+ years): at least 5 days a week for at least 45 minutes
- Reed-making requires additional practice time separate from playing.

Students taking online lessons are required to submit recorded homework prior to their lesson.

What you can expect from me

I will reserve your lesson day and time for you each week. I'm also a freelance performer, so there may be times when I need to reschedule lessons to accommodate rehearsals or performances.

My teaching style focuses on music fundamentals, strong technical skills, musical and creative expression, self-discipline, and confidence.

Location:

In person lessons will take place at Ms. Alli's home: **3993 Starview Dr. #1, San Jose 95124**, and will only offered to fully vaccinated students who have submitted a copy of their vaccination card, have no symptoms of respiratory illness (fever, cough, sneeze, runny nose), and bring their own bell cover. ***If a student has symptoms of respiratory illness (fever, cough, sneeze, runny nose), their lesson will take place online rather than in person. Please notify Ms. Alli ASAP to arrange the change.***

Online lessons will continue to be available to all students at their scheduled lesson time for any reason. Please let Ms. Alli know at least 3 hours prior to your lesson time if you'd like to switch to an online lesson. Online lessons URL: <https://rockoutloud.live/join/gessneroboe>

Rate and Payments

My current rate is \$80/hour, pro-rated for 45-minute lessons. Payment is expected for all 34 weeks of the school year with no exceptions.

The billing term options are: monthly payments split evenly over 10 months, half-semester, full-semester, and full-school-year. Payment for the entire billing term is expected at the first lesson of that term as specified on the invoice. Invoices will be sent **in advance of the due date by email** to one individual via Intuit Quickbooks. Payment accepted by cash, personal check, and electronic options including Zelle, Venmo, PayPal.me, and ApplePay.

Cancellations and Make-up Lessons

Please notify me well in advance of any cancellation for any reason. **All students are entitled to one make-up lesson per semester.** There will be no refunds if a student misses a lesson, regardless of the situation. **Any lesson I need to cancel for any reason will be guaranteed a make-up.**

If students can't make their normal lesson time, they have the option of coming to a one-hour make-up group class which will take place twice a month. If only one student comes to group class, they'll get private instruction for their lesson length. RSVP is required to attend group class at least 24 hours in advance. Make-up group class days are subject to change. I will notify you of make-up group class date changes ahead of time. Make-up group classes will be held:

- in person on the 1st Friday of the month at 5:30pm
- remotely on the 3rd Friday of the month at 5:30pm.

Make-up lessons must be completed within 2 months of the missed lesson at a make-up group class. Make-up lessons are not granted for no-shows, and will not be rolled over from one semester to the next or into the summer. Once a make-up lesson is scheduled, it cannot be rescheduled again.

Schedule changes

Should you need to **permanently change your lesson time**, notify me no less than three weeks before the change needs to take effect. Failure to give me sufficient notice before changing a lesson time may result in lessons being missed without credit, refund or make-up.

If students must be absent from their normal lesson for a month or longer, they must provide at least a week's advance notice and continue to pay for their lesson time to reserve it for their return. If a family chooses not to pay for their lesson time, they will be put on the waitlist.

Lesson Termination

Should a student wish to discontinue lessons, **I must be notified four weeks before your last lesson.** I believe that communication is crucial to a positive learning environment, and am willing to adapt my teaching methods to best suit your needs. By giving four weeks notice, it is understood that you will also pay for the last four lessons whether you take them or not.

Recital

A studio recital will be given in the fall and spring semesters. Participation is EXPECTED of all non-adult students. All will find an accompanist. Students are expected to schedule rehearsals with and pay the accompanist directly. The recital participation fee will be approximately \$25-50 to cover venue costs, and does not include accompaniment fee.

Summer Lessons:

Summer lessons are scheduled separately from the school year, based on my availability.

Next School year:

To reserve a lesson time for the following Fall semester, families are required to submit a non-refundable deposit of \$150 by June 15. This deposit will be applied to Fall lesson fees.