



EXPECTATIONS OF NCMC STUDENTS

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The study of music can be a joyous and rewarding experience. It offers a unique opportunity to develop one's self-expression, artistry and discipline. The following is expected of all NCMC students.

Regularly attend lessons and classes and be on time:

- If you have to cancel, please notify NCMC staff / faculty in advance (at least 24 hours when possible)
- Missing 2 or more lessons/classes without notice may result in an automatic withdrawal

Practice regularly / strive to make progress:

- Practice every day in a quiet place — quality of practice is as important as quantity.
- Strategize with your teacher — What are reasonable, effective practice expectations for your goals?

(a good rule of thumb for older students: if you have a 30-minute lesson, plan to at least practice for 30 minutes on non-lesson days)

Be prepared for lessons / classes:

- Keep instrument in good working order, and study materials/repertoire organized and bring them to every lesson.
- Talk to teachers about goals, challenges, and questions!

Participation in special events:

- Attend and/or participate in live music performances at every opportunity.
- Make each musical experience an enjoyable one – take pride in being a student of music.

Professional Presentation:

Be A Thoughtful Performer:

- Bring a clean, neat appearance to performances.
- Maintain focus when performing – do your best, keep going, stay positive.
- Look at the audience and bow to thank them for listening.
- Remember to acknowledge your accompanist before exiting the stage.

Be A Respectful Audience Member:

- Turn off cell phone when entering recital hall.
- Stay quiet and refrain from speaking during performance.
- Applaud efforts of all performers.
- Stay for entire recital out of respect for others.

Respectful of self, facility, and others:

- Keep a positive attitude towards themselves. This is a learning process! Be patient.
- Listen to your teacher(s), keep an open mind to instruction, and ask questions.
- No food or drink is allowed in NCMC's teaching studios, recital halls, or recording studio and booth.
- Do not run, or handle instruments or equipment inappropriately or without supervision while on NCMC's premises.

Support System:

- Students under the age of 18 are the responsibility of their parent(s)/caregiver(s). Adults are expected to ensure their students are following all NCMC student expectations.
- The most successful young students are those who are supported by a parent/caregiver. It's important not only to encourage regular practice, but to make it a priority at home and support your child in their studies.
- Parents and students are encouraged to communicate challenges to their teachers. If practice is a struggle or the student doesn't understand instructions in a lesson — ask your teacher for advice or clarification!
- Be communicative with NCMC staff regarding registration, scheduling, and tuition payment(s).