

# ANGELA FLOYD SCHOOLS

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## 5 Ways To Get the Most Out of Music Lessons

**1. What is the right age to start Music Lessons?** Music students range in age from 2 years old to adults.

Music Funtime Preschool Program: Ages 2-5

Piano/Keyboard: Ages 5 and up

Guitar – Acoustic and Electric: Ages 8 and up

Drums: Ages 8 and up

Bass Guitar: Ages 10 and up

Voice: Ages 10 and up

Violin – Viola: Ages 5 and up

*\*Additional Instruments Available*

**2. Are Private Lessons a good choice for lessons?** Starting at the age of 5 Private Lessons ensure that the student has the undivided attention of the teacher and can progress at a level suited to them individually. Students can start private lessons any time of the year so there is no need to wait to get started.

**3. Is it best to take music lessons in a studio setting?** In a professional school environment a student cannot be distracted by TV, pets, ringing phones, siblings, or anything else. With only ½ to one hour of lesson time per week, a professional school environment can produce better results since the only focus at that time is learning music.

**4. How can I help my child/myself make practicing easier?** **Time:** set the same time every day to practice so it becomes part of a routine or habit. **Repetition:** For a young child 20 to 30 minutes seems like an eternity. Instead of setting a time frame, we use repetition. For example, practice this piece 4 times every day, and this scale 5 times a day. The child then does not pay attention to the amount of time they are practicing their instrument, but know if they are on repetition number 3, they are almost finished. **Rewards:** This works very well for both children and adults students. Some adults reward themselves with a cappuccino after a successful week of practicing. Parents can encourage children to practice by granting them occasional rewards for successful practicing. Praise tends to be the most coveted award – there just is no substitute for a pat on the back for a job well done.