

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.