

Dear Parent,

Thank you for your interest in private oboe lessons! Private music lessons are a great supplement to a student's school music program and help provide the tools to achieve musical success while also teaching values and life skills via learning to play an exciting and challenging instrument! Please see a few details about lessons with me:

**Lesson Materials needed:**

- Notebook for assignments
- Tuner
- Metronome
- Prescribed method/etude book

**Equipment:**

Oboes are extremely delicate and expensive instruments. With the additional cost of reeds, students who are interested in playing the oboe seriously must be diligent about taking good care of their equipment. Playing on a broken instrument can be frustrating as well as costly.

Oboes can be temperamental—be sure to take yours to RDG woodwinds or Michele Forrest at least once per year to make sure all is in adjustment.

Having a good reed is just as important as having a working instrument. Nothing is worse than playing on a bad reed! Students are expected to have working reeds. Reeds can be purchased from a variety of sources. I sell reeds to students for \$15 each—quality guaranteed.

**Expectations:**

Students are expected to attend each lesson prepared. Bring necessary materials, method books/band music/solo music and reeds.

**Structure:** Lessons are held at my home near the USC campus. Each lesson will consist of the following areas as planned week to week:

- Fundamentals of tone production, technique (scales and tonguing)
- Etudes/method book study
- Duets/solo repertoire
- Reeds
- Developing the following week's practice schedule

**What are your goals?** It's important to define the goals of the student's music lessons so that we can cater practice plans and lessons to achieving the student's personal musical goals. Does the student want to...

- Perform in solo and ensemble festival?
- Audition for regional/SCSBOA/All-state ensembles?
- Study music in college? (for high school students)
- Simply learn the instrument, play fun repertoire and play in their school band?

With a little enthusiasm and self-motivation, the student is sure to have a positive musical learning experience, be challenged, and gain confidence while working toward achieving their goals.

Happy Oboe-ing!

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