

## Guitar Lessons Contract

### Student Information

Name of Student's Parent (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Rates

Lessons are offered weekly in 30-minute and 60-minute durations. Prices are as follows:

- \$25.00 – per 30-minute lesson
- \$45.00 – per 60-minute lesson

Payment should be made through the electronic invoice you receive via email. You may also make payment in the form of cash or check made out to "Mark Nokes." Payment is due at the beginning of each calendar month for the lessons in that month. I reserve the right to permanently terminate lessons for any reason. If lessons are terminated by me, you will receive a refund for future unused lessons. Prices are subject to change.

### Practice Expectations

Younger students should begin with the shortest lesson periods, with 5th to 9th grade students generally taking 30-minute lessons, and high school students taking the 60-minute lesson durations. Practice expectations increase with the longer lesson periods.

- Students taking 30-minute lessons should practice 30 minutes/day, 4-5 days/week.
- Students taking 60-minute lessons should practice 60-120 minutes/day, 6-7 days/week.

These expectations will help the student be as prepared as possible for each lesson, as progress is made most quickly by those students who maintain the recommended practice time. This also helps with each student's physical and mental stamina, which will make each lesson more productive, thereby increasing the value of each lesson. Practice sessions should be no longer than 30 minutes in length for younger students. Older students should use breaks during longer practice sessions, usually taking 5 minutes of rest after every 30 minutes of practice. Fatigue and injuries due to overuse can eventually become a concern if the student does not utilize sufficient practice breaks.

### Parent Expectations

It is up to the student to do his or her own practicing. Parents are encouraged to be involved in their children's practice, as all children/students need help with discipline. Expect to have to remind and encourage your children to practice, and supervision of practice may be required until a routine is begun. Students and parents both need to be accountable for consistent, quality practice. Quality

practicing is without distractions. Practice time should take place in a quiet, well lit, and comfortable area. Practice time should be interruption-free (i.e. no phone calls/texting, no TV, no computer, etc.).

### Attendance

Students are expected to have their instrument and materials gathered and ready before the lesson begins to allow us to start as close to on time as possible. If you are running late for any reason, please call or text me as soon as possible. Your lesson time will not be extended because you are late, and you will still be charged the full amount for that lesson. If I am running late for any reason, I will notify you as soon as possible and make up the full lesson time to you. Unexcused lessons will not be tolerated. **You will still be charged for missing a lesson without prior notice.** Consecutive unexcused absences are grounds for termination of lessons and you are still required to pay for missed lessons. If you have to miss a lesson for any reason, you are required to notify me at least **24 hours in advance** of your scheduled lesson time, or you will be charged for that lesson. If I have to miss a lesson for any reason, I will notify as soon as I know of the conflict. I will do my best to schedule a make-up lesson if this occurs. If you are ill or recovering from an illness, please let me know as soon as possible and we will cancel the lesson. Also, if significant practice time has been missed during the week in between lessons due to illness, please notify me, as we will postpone that lesson for a week for recovery.

### Student Responsibilities

Materials: Students are responsible for the purchase of their own books, instruments, and other materials needed for the lessons they are receiving.

Preparedness: Students are expected to prepare their lesson material to the best of their ability. This is your homework. Being unprepared for your lesson is a waste of your time and mine. Maintain the best possible care of your instrument to make sure it is in the best playable condition for every lesson. Also, if you forget to bring the assigned books or materials to the lesson, I reserve the right to dismiss you from the lesson and you will still be charged.

***By signing this contract, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this contract. I have a copy of this information for future reference.***

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Mark Nokes, guitar teacher

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Student Signature

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Parent Signature

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Today's Date