

Parent/Guardian Expectations

Learning to play an instrument is a wonderful experience, but it can also be a challenging one. Music Haven is about not only making music, but also building a strong community, and making sure all of our children and their families feel loved, supported, and respected at MusicHaven.

As a parent or guardian, your role in this is absolutely central. Without your support, your child won't have the kind of rewarding musical experience he or she deserves. They need to get to lessons, practice every day, and have familiar faces (hopefully yours!) in the audience when they play. These sound like simple things, but we know they can sometimes be a struggle — not everyone has a car or a job that lets them leave early to pick up a child; kids will say they don't feel like practicing; life can get busy and it's hard to make time for attending concerts and recitals. No parent or guardian can do it alone, and we recognize that for some families, the obstacles are even more challenging.

Nonetheless, in order for your child to participate in Music Haven, you **MUST** make the following three commitments:

1) Transportation and On-Time Drop-off and Pick-Up

I will make sure my child gets to lessons, classes, rehearsals, and events on time. I will sign him / her out ON TIME, or arrange for him/her to be signed out by a trusted responsible adult — friend or family member — whose name and phone number I will provide to Music Haven on the Enrollment Form.

(PARENT/GUARDIAN INITIAL HERE : _____)

We realize that transportation is an obstacle for some of our families, but for a child to participate in Music Haven, s/he must be able to get to and from lessons, events, and concerts. If you do not have access to a car, and your child is unable to walk or take public transportation to Music Haven programming, you must identify an adult friend or family member who can provide transportation for your child. We can provide a family directory and help arrange carpools.

We ask that you make sure your child is picked up promptly because we do not have additional staff available to wait with your child. A pattern of tardiness and/or late pick-up could lead to removal from program (see attendance policy).

In our registration packet, we ask you for an emergency contact number. The most common use for that number tends to be when a parent or guardian fails to show up for pick-up on time, and then fails to answer his or her phone. For this reason, and for the sake of your child's safety and peace of mind should we need an adult to come pick up or tend to your child for any reason, **we require that this emergency contact be someone besides yourself who can be contacted and would be able to come pick your child up should we be unable to reach you .**