



Studio Policies

Effective February 1, 2010

Lesson Times: Each lesson is either 60 minutes 45 minutes or 30 minutes in duration depending on what has been previously discussed. Please arrive early, as lessons will begin on time.

Tardiness: As mentioned, lessons will begin at a scheduled time, and a half hour lesson becomes a 15-minute lesson if you arrive 15 minutes late. Due to my busy schedule it is important that we start on time, every time. Most importantly, I want the student to succeed. So, I'm there for you. If you're late due to an emergency, we'll work it out. Many times, my lessons run back-to-back so it may be difficult to add time after the fact. We'll make up the time missed on the next scheduled lesson.

Practice.... Regular daily practice should be spent on review of material learned in the previous lesson(s). I have found through experience that requiring a "set" amount of time each day can lead to bad practice habits. I wouldn't want anyone to think that "banging-away" for a half hour a day is a worthwhile way to spend your time. Please practice "smart." Most importantly HAVE FUN. That's why they call it "playing" music. It's not supposed to be work.

Please make certain that you are prepared for each lesson. Specific tasks will be given each lesson for the following lesson. It is the student's responsibility to take ample time throughout the week to practice on the material given in the previous lesson. Over the first couple of weeks, we will learn what your capabilities are, and we will continue to refine those tasks so that you are neither overwhelmed, nor bored.

I'm always available and accessible. Parents are invited to all lessons. Even if you want to bring a good book to read, be there. Practice with your children and come to every performance. They need to know it's important to you, and that you support their interest in music. They are likely to find the "newness" to be exciting, but that often wears off as they realize the amount of work involved. Please feel free to contact me at **ANY TIME** by phone or email (also text) if you have a question. Please don't let a week go by with an unanswered question, when I could easily help with a quick phone call or email. If your child tells you he or she has nothing to practice, CALL ME.

The corner of Pecos and Pebble in Henderson is the location of my studio. My studio is equipped with state of the art **Roland** products (including Roland's V-Drums with the TD-20 brain). It is inside Christ the Servant Lutheran Church (8 South Pecos). If you prefer that I come to you, that is certainly an option that I'm happy to provide. An additional charge of **\$10 per lesson** will be added to your monthly tuition for all lessons given outside of my studio.

Performances: I am happy to invite all students to play along during a church service. This way the student will get an opportunity to play in front of his or her family and friends (as well as complete strangers). It's a good way to get to play with a "real" band in front of a "real" audience- and get pictures/videos/etc.

Payments: Collection of fees is due on the **FIRST** day of each month. Since your lesson might not be on the first day of the month, please make arrangements for your payment to arrive by then (or bring it to the previous lesson). Payments can be made by **cash, check, or PayPal**. It has become very popular to set up automatic, recurring payments through bank accounts. Please make the checks payable to Matt Murphy. If you wish to pay via PayPal, this can be done through my PayPal account (Matt@MattMurphy.info). A **\$20 late fee** will be added to your tuition for payments received after the 5th of the month.

Current Tuition Rates

30 Minute Lesson:	\$150 per month
45 Minute Lesson:	\$225 per month
60 Minute Lesson:	\$300 per month

A note on tuition. The above rates are based on 48 weeks. So, if it's a four-week month, or a five-week month, it's the same rate. When you pay tuition, you are essentially "buying" that time slot. You "own" it, and I cannot give it to anyone else. Think of it like Tae Kwon Do classes. If you can't make the class, we'll see you next week. Same with lessons. If for some reason you can't make it, your slot will still be available, no matter what.

2010 Schedule: There will be **no lessons** on the following dates.

- Spring Break (March 29-April 2)
- Two weeks during the summer (to be determined)
- Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving
- December 21st - January 1st

Each lesson will consist of work on some or all of the following: FUNdamentals, Rudiments, Method Material (books & DVD's), Reading and writing drum notation, Ear Training (learning songs), Coordinated independence and Musical Concepts.

I will provide all materials. Any written material that you will need during the course of your lesson will be provided to you at no additional charge. Your first pair of sticks are on me. After that, each pair will cost you **\$10**.

Other services that I provide, include:

Drum Kit Set Up	\$100
Drum Kit Repair	\$20 and Up
Drum Head Changing/Tuning	\$20 and Up
Transcriptions	\$50 and Up

I am fortunate enough to be able to provide you with **discounts on gear** through companies with which I'm associated. In general I, as Matt Murphy, receive a **70% and higher** discount on drums, cymbals, sticks, pads, etc. I'm happy to pass this on to you when possible. I am also fortunate enough to receive a "pro" discount from **Guitar Center- Town Square**. Please talk to me for details.

Cancellation Policy: If for ANY REASON you should miss a lesson, please notify me at least 24 hours in advance to receive credit for the missed lesson. Only for serious family emergencies will the lesson be credited if the teacher is called on the day of the lesson. Lessons missed will be made up within seven days of the missed lesson. Failure to do so will forfeit the missed lesson(s).

Please keep in mind that **I am a working musician**. I do my very best to avoid any conflicts between my teaching and performing. On occasion, conflicts do arise, and I ask that you please be understanding and flexible in the unlikely event a conflict occurs. I can assure you that I will be flexible and understanding when it comes to working around scheduling conflicts with parents and students.

Please take a moment to Email me. That way I will have your email address, as well. I find email to be the quickest and most convenient way to communicate. I may not always be able to call right back, but I can ALWAYS email you quickly. Should you need to contact me for ANY REASON regarding lessons or the above-mentioned material, please do not hesitate. Matt@MattMurphy.info or (702) 265-9191. I will be most happy to answer any questions that you may have.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE WITH THE ABOVE STUDIO POLICIES.

Name of Student

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date