



**SCHAUMBURG
PARK DISTRICT**

Bravo Music Academy

Student/Parent Handbook

Welcome to Bravo Music Academy at Schaumburg Park District! The information contained in this handbook is intended to help you understand the standards of this program. We ask that you read and support these standards which will help ensure your child's success.

Bravo Music Academy Philosophy

We believe that music instruction should be:

- Knowledge-Based – to develop excellent technique, reading skills, performance practice and musical knowledge.
- Creative – music is a creative outlet.
- Social – inspires us to play and create music with others.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are scheduled once a week for 30 minutes each. Lessons are provided on-site in our private music studios.

Program Guidelines

- Students must bring their own instrument for lessons (except for piano and drums which are provided in the studio).
- Arrive promptly to class with all necessary materials.
- Cell phones and other electronic devices need to be put away during lessons.
- No gum or food are allowed in class. Only water bottles are acceptable.

Attendance

- Student attendance will be taken at every lesson.
- Lessons may be rescheduled due to student sickness or a family emergency.
- Students are only eligible for 2 rescheduled make-up lessons due to student absence per session (Fall, Winter, Spring, etc.).
- Please note that missed lessons due to building closure or teacher absence will still be made up and will not count toward the student absence allotment.

Student Responsibilities

- Arrive at each lesson on time and prepared.
- Bring all books and materials.
- Practice at home! Practicing is the best way to make progress.

Parent Responsibilities

- Encourage your student to play for you at home! Students have the greatest success when parents/guardians are involved in their music education.
- Help create and maintain a practice routine at home.

Instructor Responsibilities

- Provide individualized instruction for each student.
- Maintain a positive and enthusiastic learning environment.
- Provide music, materials and assignments that match each individual student's needs.
- Offer performance and enrichment activities with a balanced program of theory, technique, ear-training and sight-reading.

Recitals

Students may perform in optional recitals offered in the Fall and Spring. Students will select and prepare recital pieces with their instructor during their lessons.

Music Benefits

- Learning to play an instrument or singing stimulates the brain and improves function like memory and abstract reasoning skills.
- Playing and succeeding at a musical instrument gives you a huge sense of pride and achievement.
- Playing an instrument and singing helps teach self-expression.
- Practicing an instrument teaches patience. There are no shortcuts to learning to play.
- Playing music is fun!