



REMOTE-LEARNING GUIDE

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For the most productive and meaningful remote music lessons, here are a few things to keep in mind. You can find more information, as well as suggested resources for remote learning, from the full Remote Learning Guide on our website. **In addition, we ask that a parent or guardian participate in the first lesson or two to discuss expectations and goals for the semester.**

THE BASICS

For your remote lessons, you will need to have the following materials:

1. A device with a camera and a microphone. A laptop, a tablet, or a smartphone can all work, but Chromebooks are not recommended.
2. A reliable high-speed Internet connection
3. You will also need to have all of the supplies and materials that you would normally use in a music lesson such as your instrument, music books, pencil, and a music stand. If you would use it during an in-person lesson, you'll need to have it at home as well. (There are a number of good mobile apps that can serve as metronome or a tuner; check with your teacher to see if they approve of these and if they recommend a particular app.)
4. In addition, please make sure that you are set up and ready to go in your lesson spot, a few minutes early. That means your instrument is out and tuned (if applicable) and you have your music, pencil, and any supplies you'll need to use. Being ready about five minutes early will also give you a few minutes to get into the right mindset for your lesson.
5. Keep track of any Zoom links for your lesson in one spot, such as on your calendar, so that you can easily find them when it is time to log on to your lesson.

NOTES FROM YOUR TEACHER

In addition to the basics above, here is what you will need for remote lessons:

REQUIRED:

- Access to a video-conferencing platform (Zoom or FaceTime preferred)
- Each student at minimum should have at home a practice percussion kit (includes a drum pad and a set of bells). Students need to have their own sticks and mallets, as well as a designated folder for their assigned music. Any more specific needs will be discussed at the first lesson.

RECOMMENDED:

- External Speakers
- Device Mount
- USB Microphone

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

- I need to be able to have a full view of the student's hands and the instrument in order to judge proper sticking, hand position and grip. With the different percussion instruments, I usually require moving the screen device in order to achieve more detailed picture of the physical and coordination aspects of playing percussion.