



In Person Private Lessons - Chris Anderson

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- **Lessons are conducted at my residence** on the north side of Hagerstown near the Long Meadow Shopping Center. Parking is not an issue. Parents of students are welcome to come inside during lesson times. There's free WIFI for surfing, messages, and emails, although phone conversations are discouraged. I have taught at commercial studios previously and the noise surrounding the lesson can make focusing difficult. My students appreciate the learning environment here at my house.
- As a Long-Term Substitute Teacher with more than 400 schooldays of service from 2019 through 2022 in elementary schools in the Washington County Public Schools, I passed all their Background Screening processes.
- For **Beginners and Adult Hobbyists**, regular, weekly lessons are recommended. Lessons are roughly **45 minutes** in length depending on the material being covered.
- For **Advanced Players**, lesson frequency and length are determined on an individual basis.
- **Your first 45-minute-in-person-private-lesson is free.** Use it to see if I am the right teacher for you. Thereafter, **Rates** are \$25 per lesson. Payment is due prior to the beginning of the lesson.
- **Notice of a cancellation of a lesson, or a request for a rescheduled time, must be received with a minimum 24 hours notice.** My schedule is very flexible, but reasonable notice of changes is requested.
- **Particularly for young beginners, the right sized guitar is very crucial to developing good playing habits.** I am eager to consult with you about the appropriate guitar for lessons, and can point you towards the right instrument. Affordable instruments can be acquired from local stores, or sometimes from pawn shops or your uncle's closet. I can help with evaluating their usefulness.
- **How much should I practice?** *The key to learning to play a musical instrument has much more to do with making music a regular, daily activity rather than the exact number of minutes you spend with it per week.* Your enjoyment & progress will be far greater if you spend 15 minutes playing per day (1 hr & 45 mins per week) than if you spend 4 hrs with it on Saturday. These are **general** guidelines for your consideration: Beginners = 15 mins daily or more / Intermediate students = 30 mins daily or more / Advanced students = 60 mins daily or more / Pre-College for Music Majors = 1 to 2 hrs daily or more (although that may include time on multiple instruments). As your playing time per day increases, divide it into multiple sessions per day.
- **Health & Safety** - I am fully vaccinated and boosted, although I do not ask about other's status. I will also wear a mask if asked, and students and parents are encouraged to be vocal about their preferences on this subject. In today's environment, I encourage temperature taking before a lesson and frequent hand washing. Hand sanitizers are readily available. Teaching areas have air filtration and are sanitized between lessons.