



Susan Hoekstra

## CLARINET LESSONS

### Why take clarinet lessons?

Each instrument has its own challenges and lessons taught by a specialist allow the student to progress at a more rapid pace. Band Directors work with SO many students, so don't always have the time to work with each student's unique strengths and challenges. Also helps during solo and ensemble times.

**How much practice time do you require?** Quality of the practicing time is more important than quantity. Lessons are taught in such a way to help a student learn HOW to practice effectively. Typically, students should expect to practice for the length of their lesson at least 5 times per week.

**Can parents sit in on lessons?** Parents are always welcome to sit in but it depends on how comfortable your student is with that.

**What materials are students expected to purchase?** Students should purchase a 3 ring binder with pockets to keep track of lesson assignments. Etudes, scales or solo/ensemble music will need to be purchased. Reeds, mouthpieces and instruments all need to be in working order. If there is a problem with the instrument, I will let you know. *All students are expected to consult their private teacher before purchasing a new instrument or mouthpiece.*

**What if I'm sick or need to miss a lesson?** 24 hour notice is expected for any lesson by both the teacher and student, except in the case of illness or emergency. Lessons are not given during obvious holiday and school breaks.

**Where can I purchase music?** A good resource for clarinet music alone is <http://www.luybenmusic.com/> However; there are many online resources available as well as Meridian Winds in Okemos, MI who has a good selection. <https://www.meridianwinds.com/>

**What about reeds?** Students should have at least 3-5 reeds at all times. Reeds break. Reeds wear out. There are some reeds that are better than others. I will work with your student to determine if they need to play on a different reed or not.

### COSTS

30 minute - \$30

45 minute - \$45

Hour lesson - \$60

Complimentary  
FIRST LESSON

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LESSON TIMES BY  
ARRANGEMENT

Payment due each lesson  
by cash or check.