



# Clarinet Lessons

## Class Description

Mrs. Leslie helps young clarinetists achieve confidence and accurate, beautiful playing by focusing on the fundamentals of the instrument and musical expression. Leslie emphasizes correct hand and embouchure position, correct breathing, air flow, tone, and technique. Leslie also implements music theory, scales and rhythm study into every lesson. Help with solo preparation or literature for band/orchestra or All State auditions, is also available.

## Ages

11-18, or 5th-12th grade

## Cost

*Please review the tuition policy on this page.*

Lessons are offered in either 30 or 45-minute, weekly private lessons.

**Registration Fee:** \$25 (annually)

**Materials:** Cost to be determined after trial lesson. Regularly used methods and books are listed on the class materials page.

**Tuition:** \$160/ month for 30 minute lessons (\$40/lesson), \$240/ month for 45 minute lessons (\$50/lesson). 35 lessons will be given within 9 months.

## Location

All classes are taught at Mrs. Leslie's home studio in the Clearview area of Snohomish, WA.

## Register

To enroll in lessons, please arrange a free trial lesson so you can meet Mrs. Leslie and determine your individual needs. After the trial lesson, if given the "go-ahead", please register for lessons at [lilypadmusicacademy.com](http://lilypadmusicacademy.com). You must also purchase your materials from sources determined by Mrs. Leslie after the trial lesson.

To inquire about available lesson slots please contact Mrs. Leslie\*. Be aware that there will only be a small number of clarinet lesson slots available, due to Mrs. Leslie's other commitments.

*\*Please be aware that Mrs. Leslie does not answer the phone/texts right before or during classes, so please plan accordingly. She will usually reply within a couple hours, but please allow 24 hours.*

## Policies

**1. Commitment:** Enrolling in clarinet lessons with Mrs. Leslie is a 9-month commitment. 35 lessons will be given between Aug.30-May 30, broken up into a Fall/Winter semester and a Winter/Spring semester. Those registering after lessons begin in the Fall, will receive lessons based upon the same rate and they are expected to commit through the end of the Winter/Spring term, unless special terms are agreed to.

- It is understood that if an enrolled student chooses not to participate, they will not receive refunds for tuition, missed lessons, or the registration fee, and may forfeit their spot in lessons.
- Spots in clarinet lessons with Mrs. Leslie are extremely valuable, and very hard to fill if someone drops out. Dropping out affects both the student and Mrs. Leslie. Mrs. Leslie works hard to prepare for the lessons, attend, and to provide her expertise.
- Dropping out of lessons anytime during the semester will incur either a drop fee from Mrs. Leslie, or the requirement to pay the remaining month's tuition, whichever is fairly decided upon by Mrs. Leslie and the respective family.

**2. Tuition** is as stated, under the cost section of this page.

Tuition may be paid:

- in full: (1 payment at the beginning of the Fall/Winter semester)
- by semester: (2 payments/year - 1 payment each semester)
- monthly: (8 payments/year - 4 monthly payments each semester)

It is understood that all tuition payments are non-refundable. It is understood that missed classes or discontinuance from lessons does not constitute refunds on tuition. If tuition is later than the specified due date on the invoice, an automatic late fee will be incurred.

**3. Sickness:** If a student or accompanying parent/family member is sick with a fever, vomiting, or has any signs of a cough, runny nose or contagious cold, flu, rash, etc., please do not come to class. Arrangements can be made to pass along any important class material that was missed.

**4. Attendance:**

- All lessons must be attended unless in the case of sickness or emergency. Vacation plans must be communicated with Mrs. Leslie in advance, so special arrangements can be made. Virtual lessons may work well in case of sickness or vacation.
- Regular make-up lessons are not available. Mrs. Leslie will do everything possible to provide any missed lesson material by email or video.
- Younger and older siblings may not attend lessons. Mrs. Leslie is only liable for those students enrolled in the lessons. Please arrange ahead of time for needed child care.

**5. Parental Role:** Parents agree to...

- Parents must encourage regular, daily practicing at home in a positive manner. This is essential in developing a healthy practice routine, trust and bonding between the child and the parent, to enhance the child's learning, and to develop trust with Mrs. Leslie.

**6. Food/Toys:** Please, do not bring food/drinks (exception: personal, labeled water bottle), toys/ favorite items (i.e. Legos, toys, electronics, etc.). These items have proven to be great distractions to students during lessons. Occasionally, Mrs. Leslie will give treats or prizes during or after lessons.

**7. Drop off/pick-up/Parking:**

- Please park in Mrs. Leslie's driveway, or along the private road.
- Do not block traffic or park in the neighbor's driveway.
- Do not park in front of the gate at the base of my front lawn (this belongs to the neighbor).
- Please drop off students no earlier than 10 minutes before class, and pick up no later than 10 minutes after lessons.
- Please be safe and always watch out for children and others while on Mrs. Leslie's property.

**8. Liability:** Mrs. Leslie works hard to maintain a safe teaching environment. By registering in clarinet lessons, parents accept full financial liability for any incident or injury that can possibly happen to their student, themselves, or any guest accompanying them while on the Wilson property for lessons. They release Leslie and David Wilson or any of their children, as well as all studio participants from all liability.