



A New Muse, String Instrument Studio Policy

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Teaching Philosophy & General Info

Thank you for inviting us to help you or your child grow as a musician and human. Studying music is a full-brain workout, and we are passionate about using music as a vehicle through which to develop students into better people.

Maintaining a constant line of communication is essential to the success of music lessons. This is within the lesson “triangle” - the parent, the teacher, and the student. Each 60-minute lesson will start at the top of the hour (or half-hour) and last 50 minutes, with 10 minutes at the conclusion to transition between students and briefly discuss that lesson’s focus and the week’s practice goals. 30- and 45-minute lessons will have a 5 minute debrief at the end.

Lesson Rates

Private lesson rates are as follows:

30 minutes	\$37/week
45 minutes	\$50/week
60 minutes	\$57/week

New students will receive their first (30 minute) lesson free of charge, which will give us a no-obligations opportunity to get well acquainted.

Lessons will occur weekly, at an agreed upon time based on the student’s and teacher’s mutual availability. Those who prefer to pay weekly will do so before each lesson. Those who opt to pay their fees monthly will pay by the first lesson each month. Each month will consist of four lessons, and if there are 5 lesson slots in a given month, the 5th week will either be allocated to make-up lessons or will be a week off.

Bi-monthly lessons can be arranged upon the parents’ request.

Lesson fees will be paid through the website, or via cash or check.

Attendance, Tardiness, & Rescheduling

Regular attendance in lessons assures we can help students reach their fullest potential. That said, life happens, and we're all humans. We request that you notify your teacher via call or text of any lessons that must be cancelled or rescheduled at least 24 hours before the lesson time. In this case, a make-up lesson or extended lesson will be arranged according to availability. If you do not show for your lesson, you will be responsible for paying for your lesson spot. In the case of emergencies (sudden sickness, weather complications, family emergency, etc) we will not charge you for the missed lesson.

In the case of a missed lesson that cannot be made up, the payment will roll over to the following month for those on a monthly payment plan.

If your teacher must cancel a lesson, they will notify you more than 24 hours in advance and will either make it up or apply credit for the following month.

Timely arrival is expected for lessons. If you are late for a lesson with no prior notification, the time missed will not be made up. If the lesson time causes a time crunch with regular traffic patterns, we would rather find another time than miss out on 5-10 minutes of instruction every week.

Summers

We understand that summers are a nebulous time, and scheduling will be much more flexible during summer months. Students may take summers off, may continue weekly lessons, and everything in between. Communication is key here!

Teacher's Responsibilities

- ◆ Provide high quality, well-prepared lessons
- ◆ Help students learn how to practice
- ◆ Encourage and motivate students to practice
- ◆ Demonstrate a love of music and a high level of violin/viola/cello playing
- ◆ Encourage healthy communication within the triangle of teacher, student, and parent
- ◆ Answer questions and help to solve problems

Student's Responsibilities

- Come to each lesson prepared with their instrument, music, and the knowledge in their brain
- Ask questions if they're confused
- Communicate struggles and frustrations
- Keep a growth mindset
- Practice!

- Relax and have fun!

Parent's Responsibilities

- Provide a quality instrument, and maintain instrument per teacher recommendations
- Bring student to lessons on time
- Encourage good practice habits, and remind the student to practice according to my recommendation (# of times per week, time per practice session, materials to work on, etc)
- Communicate how things are going at home, and bring any concerns as they arise – it helps your teacher provide effective instruction
- Ask questions!

Referral Bonus

Personal referrals are the best compliment a student can give a teacher. We appreciate your referrals and will credit you one lesson for the following month for each student you refer.

Discontinuing Lessons

If for any reason, you wish to discontinue private lessons, we request at least one week's notice. If we mutually agree another teacher would be better suited to you/your child, we will do our best to find a suitable teacher.

Please detach bottom portion of this document and return to teacher, signed, at start of the second lesson.

I, _____ have read and understand the policies of
Parent/guardian's name (print)

A New Muse studio and will uphold the expectations laid out in this document.

Parent/guardian's signature _____

Student's signature _____