



Lessons Policies

Attendance at lessons is a primary component of music education. A student's progress is the direct result of their commitment to a consistent, weekly lesson. The tuition you pay reserves a specific lesson day and time with your chosen teacher each week.

- **Excused Absence:** To qualify as an Excused Absence, you must notify the office in writing via email before the 25th of the month prior to the absence, so that tuition for that month can be adjusted accordingly. Please email the office at lessons@merrymusicmakers.net. If you let your teacher know in advance, they may be able to find time in their schedule for a make-up.
- **Unexcused Absence:** Unexcused absences are absences for which you have not given notice as described above. Instructors are not obligated to provide make-up lessons for unexcused absences, and lessons missed due to unexcused absences are non-refundable.
- **Instructor Absence:** Instructors will make every effort to arrange make-up lessons for lessons cancelled due to instructor absence. In the event that not all lessons can be made up, a credit for the unused lessons will be deducted from the following month's payment.
- **Tardy Policy:** Instructors are only required to wait up to 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of a lesson for the student to arrive. Students arriving more than 15 minutes late to a lesson are considered an Unexcused Absence. Instructors are not required to make-up missed lesson time due to student tardiness.
- **Discontinuing Lessons:** You must provide written notice to the office via email that you intend to discontinue private lessons before the first day of your last month. Please see the Payments section for more details.



Fees

30 minute lesson - \$34

45 minute lesson - \$50

60 minute lesson - \$66

Family Discount:

Any family member beyond the first in a family to register for private lessons at Merry Music Makers will **receive a 5% discount**.

Violin Students:

Students enrolled in our Suzuki Violin Studio attend private lessons each week PLUS group classes once a month. Tuition for the Suzuki group class is \$20 per class.

Payments:

Your first month's payment plus a one-month non-refundable deposit is due at the time of registration. If you begin lessons partway through the month, your first payment will be prorated. The regular monthly payment will be automatically charged on the first of the month using the credit card on file.

- Payments should be made through the office. Instructors cannot be held responsible for handling payments.
- Students will automatically be re-enrolled for their same lesson day and time on a month-to-month basis.
- If a change of lesson day or time is needed, please contact the office prior to the end of the month to request a change. We will do our best to accommodate your request.
- If you miss 3 consecutive lessons or decide to not take lessons for a month or longer, you are not guaranteed your original lesson day and time when you choose to re-enroll.
- If you decide to stop taking lessons and notify the office before the last day of the month prior to your final lessons, the deposit you paid upon registration will cover your last month. If you do not notify the office that you intend to stop taking lessons before the first day of your last month, your deposit is forfeited.
- A \$50 cancellation fee will be deducted for withdrawing before the first lesson.
- No refunds will be given after the first lesson of any month. Credit toward future Merry Music Makers offerings issued only in exceptional circumstances.