

The Music Department

2021-2022 MUSIC LESSONS POLICY

For the time being, we will continue to offer a IN-PERSON or VIRTUAL option for music lessons. Students will commit to one or the other mode for their private lesson each week. All billing will be handled through STNS.

Fees for private lesson times are as follows:

30-minute private lesson \$30; 45-minute lesson \$45; 1 hour lesson \$60

If group lessons are offered, fees may vary based on length of lesson, number of students, materials, etc. These will be clearly stated in advance by the teacher.

If charging any additional fees, teachers will clearly communicate these costs to parents. This may include a minimal yearly studio fee to cover the cost of special events, recitals or rewards, or reimbursement if the teacher has purchased books or other materials for a student.

With protocols in place, we hope to be able welcome families to recitals and performances in the Chapel space again this year. All events will be planned TENTATIVELY with the understanding that the safety and health of our school community are paramount; therefore, we do reserve the right to cancel if COVID situations worsen.

By committing to a lesson, you are reserving a weekly time with the teacher. The number of REGULARLY SCHEDULED lessons per month will be billed to your account.

When scheduling lessons, teachers adhere to the STNS calendar, including any scheduled holidays, breaks, half days, etc. Teachers should provide advance notice of other days when they are unable to teach. In case of an emergency cancellation by the teacher or school (for example, illness, school closure or a weather-related incident) no charge will be applied for that date.

We expect that every effort will be made to have children present, and prepared for all scheduled lessons. Our absentee policy will continue to grant ONE excused absence or make-up lesson per semester due to illness, religious holiday or unexpected medical emergency.

However, during the COVID-19 crisis, we recognize that there may be a need for greater flexibility. Any absences in addition to the above must continue to fall under the same guidelines, and in all cases, it is the parent's responsibility to communicate the reason for the absence to the teacher. More than two absences will be handled under the direction of both the teacher and Ms. Miscio, and absences deemed excessive will result in dismissal from the studio.

Live lessons can become virtual as needed. For example, if a student stays home from school on his/her lesson day, but still feels up to participating, the teacher may be able to make accommodations to do so.

- Students, teachers and parents (if attending or escorting child to/from lesson) WILL WEAR MASKS at all times.
- Students and teachers WILL WASH HANDS thoroughly before beginning the lesson.
- Pianos will be sanitized between each student, as well as any commonly used items.
- Teachers understand the importance of promptness. Please help us be mindful of this goal by being on time for the lesson.

If your child has checked into ESP for the afternoon, the teacher must escort the student to/from the lesson. This may shorten the lesson time slightly, but teachers do their best to ensure that each student receives the best possible instruction and experience.

While every effort will be made to communicate with parents and Ms. Miscio with hopes of resolving difficult situations, private teachers reserve the right to terminate lessons with those who do not cooperate with the guidelines listed above and/or engaging in inappropriate behavior.

****The health and well-being of everyone involved is of utmost importance, and we will continue to closely monitor COVID conditions. Please understand that changes may be necessary throughout the year. You will be informed immediately of any updates to the safety protocols listed in this policy.**