



PARENT HANDBOOK!

2021-2022 Program Year Violin Lessons and Zoom Group Violin Classes

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Policies and Guidelines

1) Program Year Schedule

The program year calendar allocates 36* weeks for individual lesson times beginning in August each year and ending in June. Weekly group classes for each student's skill level and understanding will also accompany the individual lesson each week according to the calendar.

Please note the mandatory parent meeting scheduled for Thurs, September 2, 2021 at 7:00pm in the schedule below. This meeting will be held via Zoom.

2) Individual Lessons & Group Lessons

The core of the Arlington Suzuki Music School is the weekly individual lesson where a student participates in a one-to-one learning experience with a teacher.

Weekly private violin lessons and group classes will be assigned based on skill level of the student. I may add some chamber groups to the schedule in place of the based on student availability and time.

3) Attendance

It is very important for parents and students to recognize that their teacher has set aside a specific day and time for the student's individual lesson time and/or group lesson time each week. Additionally, it is important that your child attend group class so that they can enhance the techniques and review the concepts they are learning in their individual lessons.

*Depending on start date of your specific program, your program will be prorated.

I will maintain a regular and consistent schedule (to the best of my ability) to ensure the continued progress of your students. The same courtesy and commitment is required from the parent and student, and I ask that you keep cancellations or absences to a minimum.

Tuition pays for a weekly reserved individual lesson time on your teacher's weekly schedule. Tuition pays for lesson time, not lessons. If a teacher misses an individual lesson time, the teacher will replace the individual lesson time. If the student misses an individual lesson time, the individual lesson time will not be replaced or made up.

If the student is feeling ill, but well enough for a lesson, the reserved lesson time can be used on Zoom. It is very important a student does not attend a lesson while feeling ill. If the student is out of town, the lesson time can be used on Zoom. If the student does not have an instrument or cannot play an instrument due to injury, the lesson time can be used to study music theory and sight-reading. If weather prevents the student from traveling, the lesson time can be used on Zoom. If the student is completely unable to use the lessons time, the lesson time can be used for parent education or a parent-teacher conference.

4) Cancellation and Makeup Policy

While I have been flexible during the summer months, I am not able to be flexible during the school year. With my obligations at UTA and my schedule at home merging for the year, I am very limited in my ability to make up lessons. Therefore, make up lessons will only be offered in the event that I need to cancel a lesson as the teacher. If an individual lesson time must be canceled, please let me know as far in advance as possible. I will make up individual lesson times canceled by the teacher. Individual lesson times canceled by the teacher will be made up at the next available opportunity, or added to the end of the school year (possibly during the summer months if needed).

I reserve the right to reschedule one private lesson and/or two group classes each semester due to sickness or other events at the university. Lessons canceled during the year may be made up at the end of the year.

5) Trial Period for New Students

All new students are granted a one-month trial period. The monthly trial period will be 1/10th of the annual tuition rate, but the student will not be locked into the annual contract until after the first month is complete. Trial period extensions will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

6) Parent Responsibilities

The teacher-parent-student triangle is the concept that puts equal workloads on each of the three individuals in order to develop a well-rounded and respectable individual in the world.

Parents of young beginners will be required to attend the lessons and also required to take notes. I also encourage you to rent a violin and to come to lessons with it, prepared to learn as well. Please be ready to try new approaches to working with your children and practicing exercises during the lessons in order to ensure success at home during the year.

Please make sure your child has all of their books/materials for the lesson. Listen to your CD. This is the best way to ensure your child will learn quickly and efficiently. Like learning a language, the CD is close to the most important part of your child's success at learning musically. The best students in my studio listen to their complete CD once a day.

Please work hard. My assignments are not suggestions; they need to be carried out fully in order for your child to receive the most benefit they can from each lesson. During the year, if I don't see progress from lack of practicing or listening, I will have a talk with parents to determine whether or not my teaching is right for their student.

7) Tuition

At the Arlington Suzuki Music School, yearly tuition is paid at a specific rate based on the length of the violin lesson and covers 36 lessons for each student during the year. Annual tuition rates are separated into 10 monthly payments over the whole year.*

8) Payment Policy

Tuition payments are due by the first of each month. Any payments received after this time will result in a \$20 late fee. Please plan to pay or send in tuition in an appropriate time and manner.

Cash and check are accepted; however, discounts are offered for scheduling recurring electronic payments, enrolling multiple students, or making an annual tuition payment. If you qualify for multiple discounts, you will receive the highest discount that applies.

If you prefer to pay by credit card, please contact me directly. Processing charges will apply.

9) Tuition Rates, Discounts, and Payment Schedules

Please see the tuition tab for more information

10) Refunds

There are no refunds whatsoever in the studio.

11) Referral Policy

For each referral that ultimately joins the studio (after the one-month trial period), the referee will receive \$100 toward their next tuition payment, or \$100 cash, should the referee have paid for the year in an annual tuition payment.

12) Photo Consent

In order to promote the studio and grow in an educational format, I will take pictures and record videos periodically during the year. There is an electronic consent form that will go with this annual agreement. Please check the box yes, you accept or no, you do not accept. This will ensure I respect your privacy during the year.

13) Other considerations

If I feel uncomfortable in any situation with the student or parent, I reserve the right to stop lessons immediately and no longer continue with the remaining lessons for the semester without a refund.

14) 2020-2021 Program Year Schedule

For the yearly schedule, please see the calendar tab in the resource page.