



2023 Lesson Policy and Contract

Tuition

- Lesson tuition is based on a **48-week year** and amounts to:

\$115/mo. for 30-minute lessons ($\$28.75/\text{lesson} \times 48 = \1380.00 divided by 12 = \$115)

\$230/mo. for 60-minute lessons ($\$57.50/\text{lesson} \times 48 = \2760.00 divided by 12 = \$230)

- There are 4 more weeks during the year that I will take off. **Keep in mind there are 4 months during the year where you will get 5 lessons instead of 4 and those extra lessons for you balance out with the time that I take off**.

THERE WILL BE NO LESSONS: 1 week TBA during the spring
 1 week TBA during the summer
 1 week TBA during the fall
 1 week TBA during Christmas
Also **Mardi Gras day** and **Thanksgiving day**.

Payment

- Payment is expected no later than the **5th of the month** for which you are paying.
- Any payment received after that date should include a **\$5.00 late fee**.
- All checks should be made payable to The Music Room. All Venmo payments should be paid to Danny Devillier (@Danny-Devillier). Cash is also accepted.

Make-up lessons

- There will be 4 opportunities a year to make up a missed lesson. Make-up lesson dates are as follows and are **1st come 1st serve**:

Sat. March 25th, Sat. June 24th
Sat. September 30th, Sat. Dec. 23rd
These are usually between 12 and 3...TBA

Notes about make-ups

- The following are considered legitimate excuses for missing a lesson:
 - **Unexpected or serious sickness.** You wake up too sick on the morning of your lesson or you are very contagious? Please stay home and get better and schedule a make-up.
 - **Unexpected circumstance beyond your control** (family emergency, traffic accident, etc.)
 - **A.O.G. (Act of God)** - if there is a hurricane or a freak winter storm with icy roads or something of this nature that is beyond any of our control, you may either opt to schedule a make up or receive a 50% refund or 50% credit towards the next month.
- Of course I can not police every single incident of someone missing a lesson so please use your best judgment, be honest, and realize that I also am here spending my time and energy. I can assure you that the only reason I miss lessons are if I'm too contagiously sick to risk infecting my students or if my kids/family are in need. So we all need a good reason to miss!
- If it is a lesson you missed, It is up to you to request a make-up day and time. (If you have not requested a make-up time by a week before the scheduled day, I may no longer be available to accommodate you.)
- If it is a lesson I missed, I will suggest a make-up on one of the scheduled days.
- Refunds can also be given if the student can not find a time to take a make-up on one of the scheduled days.

A word about summer

There ARE lessons in the summer. Some people tend to think of lessons as a part of the school year and they end after the recital in the spring. I do not. As for "taking off for the summer"...Everyone takes time off in the summer, often for long periods. If I went lesson-by-lesson or had to do make ups for all of these I wouldn't be able to sustain my livelihood during these months. If I granted students a 2-1/2 month break during the summer then it would be hard for me to fill that spot with another student for only that amount of time. Then that new student would have to be dropped after 2-1/2 months and that wouldnt be fair to them. For this reason I ask that you think of your monthly payment (not just summer but throughout the year) as a tuition payment that holds your spot for the

lessons you can make. It is up to you to make as many as you can. Of course I will work with you for sickness or unexpected things that come up to either make up or credit those lessons.

Withdrawal from lessons

- As a courtesy I require a **two-week advanced notice** for dropping lessons.

Please print, sign, date, and return if you understand and agree to the terms listed here.

Student/Parent _____ date / / Danny Devillier _____ date / /