

STUDIO POLICIES 2025-2026

TUITION:

Tuition is based on 37 weeks of private lessons, and 6 class seminars. The Fall Semester includes 17 private lessons and 3 class seminars. The Spring Semester includes 20 private lessons and 3 class seminars. My fee is \$48.00 per hour; however, the classes are prorated at \$25.00 per hour. The monthly amounts have been rounded up to the nearest dollar, so that the amount will be easier to remember. This will aid in my bookkeeping because I often received incorrect payments. Rounding the monthly payment will increase the amount no more than \$1.00 per semester. Fees are to be paid in advance of lessons; you have the option of paying by the semester or by the month. If you select to pay monthly, **please send the payment by the 7th of the month**. If this does not work for you please contact me. There is a breakdown of payments listed below:

	<u>30 minute students</u>	<u>45 minute students</u>	<u>60 minute students</u>
Fall Semester	\$483.00	\$687.00	\$891.00
Monthly	\$121.00	\$172.00	\$223.00
Spring Semester	\$555.00	\$795.00	\$1,035.00
Monthly	\$111.00	\$159.00	\$207.00

Should you decide to discontinue lessons, I request that you do so at the end of a semester. Otherwise, you are financially responsible for the remainder of the semester!

MUSIC FEES

Pecknel no longer offers personal charge accounts, so I will either purchase needed music, send you to the store, or have you order online. I will text the amount to you. If I give my copy to a child, I have to replace it charging you the new price, which sometimes takes awhile if ordering is necessary. Please pay by Venmo or check to keep payments trackable. Although ordering music is quite possible online, I want to encourage you to support the local store, when possible, so we don't lose them. If we lose them, it would make ciphering through federation music nearly impossible.

MISSED LESSONS:

Due to the overwhelming amount of cancellations in years past, make-up lessons will only be given for sickness, death in the family, emergencies or week-long vacations during regular school days. Absences due to illness will be made up at a convenient time during the semester in which they occur, if you call me **before 1:00 p.m.** on the day of the lesson. The 1:00 p.m. time applies to those missing school or work; students who get sick late in the day need to contact me and I will reschedule the lesson. Lessons missed by me will be made up as soon as possible. ***Parents using the Student Exchange List are responsible for calling each other to exchange lessons when conflicts arise.*** Please notify me after the exchange has been made. It is in everybody's best interest to maintain a stable schedule, so please avoid unnecessary switching. I will not do an exchange list, unless my studio is full.

SNOW DAYS:

Many times school is cancelled because of conditions in the early morning, but by 2:45 p.m. the streets are often clear for driving. Therefore, I will teach on days that schools may be cancelled unless conditions are dangerous. Please contact me if you are in doubt.

P.S. Since I am asking you to be responsible for the calendar and the policies, feel free to call me at (864)350-1940 if you have any questions. The contract has worked wonderfully for many years due to everyone abiding by it. Thank you for your cooperation!