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POLICIES

Please read the following policies. At the end of this page is an agreement. A student will be registered only after the agreement is signed, dated, and returned with registration fee payment.

REGISTRATION FEE

The down payment registration fee is 1/10th the total cost of the course. The registration fee is paid when registering. The registration fee holds a place for you in the teaching schedule and covers the cost of music and Student Affiliate activities. The registration fee is non-refundable unless no suitable class or lesson time is available.

TUITION

Tuition at Starr Music Academy is not based on a per-hour or per-lesson rate. Tuition is based on a yearly studio membership rate. It reserves your weekly slot in the teaching schedule, and covers the cost of music, TMTA Student Affiliate activities, lesson planning and repertoire selection, instrument tuning and maintenance, recital venues and programs, professional music teacher memberships, incentive programs and games, and studio rent, taxes, and insurance.

The total cost of the course(s) covered by this agreement is \$ _____. A down payment registration fee of \$ _____ is required when registering. The remaining balance of \$ _____ may be paid in one of three ways:

- One yearly payment of \$ _____ due on the first lesson.
- Two semester payments of \$ _____ due on the first lesson of September and January.
- Nine monthly payments of \$ _____ due on the first lesson date of the month.

Payments may be made by check, cash, credit card, or automatic debit. A \$20 fee will be assessed for returned checks. A \$10 late payment penalty will be added on to accounts due on the first of the month that have not been paid by the 15th of the month.

LENGTH OF COURSE

The course includes 30 lessons and two optional TMTA event review sessions. Classes begin in September and end in May. A studio calendar will be released each semester indicating all lesson dates and holidays. New classes may begin on the first of any month if space is available. Students beginning lessons later than September will have their tuition prorated.

COURSE INFORMATION

Most beginning students will be grouped into classes of up to six students based on age and ability. Classes meet once a week for forty-five minutes to one hour. Private lessons are offered only to advanced students or to students for whom no appropriate class is available. Private lessons meet once a week for up to thirty minutes. Parents are welcome to observe lessons at any time.

INSTRUMENTS

All students are required to have an appropriate instrument and accessories for home practice. Information is available on instrument rental and purchase plans.

MUSIC & SUPPLIES

Tuition includes the cost of one set of student materials. A replacement fee will be charged for students who have lost the required books or music. Tuition does not include the cost of instrument rental, strings, or instrument supplies. Required instrument supplies and replacement strings will be issued when deemed necessary by the instructor. The cost of any required materials will be added to your bill when issued.

FORGOTTEN MUSIC

Each student is responsible for bringing their music and materials to class. Searching for extra copies of the "forgotten" music takes away time from the other class members.

PRACTICING

All students are required to play the week's music assignment at least once a day until the next lesson. Parents must accept their responsibility in seeing that the student does the required practicing. Consistent lack of lesson preparation is grounds for dismissal.

STUDENT ATTITUDE

Starr Music Academy is proud to offer a well-rounded, research-based curriculum taught by a degreed, certified, experienced, and nationally-recognized instructor. The studio waiting list has an average wait time of six months to two years. Therefore, students with a negative attitude, habitual absences, or discipline problems will be asked to leave in order to allow students with a genuine interest in learning to enroll.

MISSED LESSONS

No tuition credits are given for missed lessons. Students who must miss a class may audit another class of their approximate age and level if one is available. Availability of rescheduling or make up lessons is severely limited and not guaranteed. Any lessons canceled by the instructor will be rescheduled.

RECITALS

A formal recital for exceptionally prepared students is held annually. In addition, several informal studio recitals will be held throughout the year. Parents and relatives are welcome to attend. Students may also be invited to perform for various community functions. All performances and recitals are optional.

SUMMER LESSONS

All students who complete a school year of lessons and have the intention of continued study are expected to enroll in the summer session. Summer scheduling is more flexible than the regular school year session, and several summer options are offered, including regular weekly classes and camps. Music is not a skill that can be abandoned in May and resumed in September. A student who chooses to "skip" summer lessons is in jeopardy of losing their place on the teaching schedule for the following school year.

AGREEMENT

I have read the policies of Starr Music Academy. I understand the policies and will abide by them. If for any reason, the student quits the course before completion, I agree to pay through the end of the month in which the student terminates.

I agree to pay tuition payments promptly in the following manner:

- One yearly payment due on the first lesson
- Two semester payments due on the first lesson of September and January
- Nine monthly payments due on the first lesson of each month

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(person responsible for tuition payment)

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Do the instructors have permission to feature photos and/or videos of the student(s) under this policy contract on the studio website, Facebook page, and/or promotional items? (Please check one)
____ Yes ____ No ____ Please ask on a case-by-case basis

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(parent or guardian if student is under 18)

Would you like to set up automatic payments? (Please circle one) Yes No

Credit Card Account # _____ Expiration Date: _____

Validation Code: _____ Cardholder's Billing Zip Code: _____

Name As It Appears on Card: _____