Private Music Policy

WELCOME to ParishEXTEND private music instruction. Performance skill and comprehensive music knowledge are the goals of our lessons. In order to provide you with the highest standard of instruction, we ask that you meet the terms of the following private studio policy. Instruction is available on both the Midway and Hillcrest campus. Instruments include:

- Drums
- Piano
- Guitar
- Violin
- Voice
- If your child is interested in another instrument, please let us know, and we will look for an instructor to add to our team.

DROP-OFF
The faculty and staff of ParishEXTEND are happy to assist in getting students to and from lessons. If they are attending their lesson after school they may join our extended care program at no charge in between the end of their school day and their designated lesson time. They will have time for homework (if applicable), enjoy their snack (brought from home or, at Midway, purchased from the Paws store) and enjoy some supervised free-time. Students will be walked to their lesson.

If they are arriving at their lesson from home please drop off and pick up on time.

- Hillcrest – Drop off your student in the Snyder building. Staff will walk them to the lesson.
- Midway - Drop off your student in the atrium to check-in with staff, and we will arrange for them to be taken to their lesson.

PICK-UP
Midway: Please plan on picking up your child from the Havard Library or Atrium and signing out with the EXTEND staff.
Hillcrest: Pick up your child from the Snyder building and signing out with the EXTEND staff.

If care is needed after their lesson time ends please sign up for extended care as needed. If you do not arrive on time we will bill you for extended care at the drop in rate.
IF YOU CHOOSE TO LEAVE US
We ask families to commit for the entire semester for two reasons. First, giving the student time to learn about the instrument and the instructor is valuable. Second, the instructor schedules their time, other students and commitments around the children, and frequent changes can be detrimental to their livelihood and/or willingness to teach at Parish. If you wish to cancel your lessons prior to the end of the period for which you have signed up, your financial obligation remains the same.

THE STUDENT/PARENT/TEACHER, TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES
The goal of ParishEXTEND is to provide well-balanced musical education to all students. Studying music can be enjoyable, rewarding and can become a lifelong skill, but it takes commitment from the parents as well as the teacher and student. This commitment is necessary for success.

TEACHER’S RESPONSIBILITIES
- Develop student’s enthusiasm, respect and genuine love for music
- Provide high quality, well prepared lessons and a positive learning environment
- Discover the uniqueness of each student and respect differences of musical taste and personality
- Help students learn how to practice
- Encourage and motivate students to practice
- Demonstrate a love of music
- Respect students’ opinions and value their creativity
- Create a studio atmosphere where students are free to feel comfortable and confident, able to recognize both the seriousness and fun of study
- Encourage communication between student/parent and teacher, answer any questions, help to solve problems

STUDENT’S RESPONSIBILITIES
- Arrive at each lesson with the week's assignment completed
- Bring assignment notebooks, theory binders and music books to each lesson
- Practice for the length of time necessary to meet goals as determined by the student and teacher.
- Follow directions in class and at home
- Ask questions
- Keep a positive attitude
- Respond cheerfully to parents’ reminders; remember they are helping you to be successful
- Set aside the same time to practice and stick with it
- Relax and have fun learning a new skill and expression
PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide a tuned instrument in a well-lit area as free from distractions as possible. If you do not own a piano and your child is taking piano lessons, the lessons will be more productive when you have a keyboard or piano at home for practice. For lessons in guitar please bring a guitar to class, for drums, drumsticks, and for all instruments, your music.
- Pay for lessons according to your payment plan
- Encourage good practice habits. Provide daily praise and encouragement. A set time works well. Younger students should have supervised practice if possible.
- Remind students to practice per the time recommendation of their instructors
- You are welcome to visit lessons occasionally if the student does not object, but please do not bring other children along
- Check to see that instructions are being followed and assignments completed
- Let the teacher know how things are going at home, relay concerns and ask any questions needed
- Provide your child with a steno size notebook for weekly assignments and read it each week
- Please let us know about any questions you or your child may have. Communication is important to a good learning relationship.

SUMMER STUDY
Summer study is available because continuous study offers the most benefit to your child. The summer months offer more time for practice without the worry of homework and other school activities. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to continue lessons during the summer. The summer schedule becomes available in the spring for sign up.

DISMISSALS
Regrettably, students may have to be dismissed from private instruction if the student or family has an uncooperative attitude or if payment is not made on a timely basis.
TUITION/FEES
Private instruction fees begin at $350 for a 30 minute lesson each week of the fall semester, and depend on the day of the week selected as well as the instructor. See schedule at the end of this policy and on our website. Lessons are billed for the semester but may be paid over several months on an automatic payment plan. The cost for a semester includes one free week due to student conflict or illness.

Tuition does not include music, study materials and/or supplies. Appropriate materials are chosen by instructor to fit the needs of each individual student. The student or parent is then responsible for purchasing materials directly from the instructor. ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY (please read carefully)
Please make sure that your child arrives punctually with all necessary materials. We are unable to extend the lesson times of students who arrive late.

A 24-hour notice is appreciated for all absences. Absences should be communicated to Nancy Powers and the instructor in writing via e-mail.

Lessons are arranged for the semester at the time selected and are not reschedulable. We understand things come up, and that is why the equivalent of one lesson per semester is not charged for in the semester billing rate. In the event of lessons cancelled for teacher illness, emergencies, or vacations, the fee for that lesson will be credited back to your account. The cost for a semester includes one free week due to student conflict or illness.