



Here are the answers to some of the most common questions we get from interested students and parents about lessons.

How much are the lessons? How do I pay?

Lessons are \$72/month for a 4 week month and \$90/month if there are 5 lessons in the month. There are 3 ways to pay for lessons:

1. Automatic withdrawal from a checking or credit card account
2. Pay cash or check each month and have a credit/debit card used for backup security
3. Pay cash or check each quarter (equal to 3 months of lessons)

How long are the lessons and how often do we have them?

How many do I have to come for?

Lessons are half an hour long and we have you come just once a week because you need time to practice between lessons. There is a one-month minimum for all lessons and one month's notice is required to discontinue classes.

How young is too young?

Adults can start any instrument at any time. Their success is based on how willing an adult is to commit to practicing. We teach many beginner students in their 60s and 70s. For children, starting at the right age is a key element to the success of their lessons. Some people will tell you "the sooner the better," but this attitude can actually backfire and be a negative. If a child is put into lessons too soon they may feel overwhelmed and frustrated and want to stop lessons. The last thing you want to do is turn a child off of music just because they had one unpleasant experience which could have been prevented. Sometimes if the child waits a year to start lessons their progress can be much faster. Call us, and we can give you more guidelines for specific instruments in accordance to a student's age.

Are they group lessons?

No. Each lesson is an individual, half-hour lesson. This way the student can receive the teacher's full attention and the lesson can be tailored to the student's needs.

When are the lessons?

Lessons are Monday – Saturday, and every teacher has a different schedule. In general, the most common lesson times based on an after-school schedule, but there are teachers who have earlier times in the afternoon open also. On Saturdays, we're open 10-5 and have teachers here all day.

What times are available?

The times available depend on the individual teacher's schedule, which is different for each teacher. If a specific time or instructor you want is currently unavailable, we will be happy to put you on a waiting list until a desirable time spot opens up.

Are the teachers experienced?

Definitely. All of our teachers are established musicians at all different levels in their careers – everything from professional opera singers to local rockers who have been playing since childhood. When you set up lessons, we try to match you or your child with a teacher that will be able to teach them the style of music they want to play.

Do I have to pay for the lesson if I don't come?

We have you pay for the entire month at the beginning of the month, and if you miss a lesson you simply reschedule it at the front counter or by phone. Make up lessons will be limited to 2 per teaching year. No refunds will be given for missed lessons that are not made up. If your teacher is unavailable, the School reserves the right to provide a substitute teacher. If we cannot provide a substitute, any missed lessons will be credited to the next month.

What about holidays?

On most major holidays, lessons are cancelled. All announcements regarding School closings are posted on our Student Bulletin Board downstairs. You can also get a copy of this year's schedule for School Closings at the front desk.

Do I have to have my own instrument?

You need to have your own instrument so that you can practice at home. We carry all sorts of new and used instruments for purchase, and many band instruments are available to rent. If you're interested in renting please see us or call for more information.

Where are the lessons?

Lessons are downstairs, where we have eighteen private studios equipped with keyboards, guitar amps, and drum sets. We also have one studio upstairs that is wheelchair accessible.

Where do I wait for my child?

You can wait for anyone taking lessons downstairs, where there are tables and chairs, or browse around the store. The School is not responsible for providing before or after-class care for students. Parents with students under the age of eight are required to remain in the School during classes.

What else will we need for lessons?

You may need to buy a book and necessary accessories for playing, for example: picks and a new cord for someone who plays electric guitar. As mentioned before, we have amps, keyboards, and drum sets downstairs, so all you need to bring are the appropriate accessories. Students with guitars, violins, and band instruments need to have their instruments with them when they arrive.

Who do I speak to if I need to cancel a lesson?

If you should need to reschedule a lesson, simply talk to one of the counter staff members or call us anytime at 814-459-2585. If you call when we are closed, just leave a message with your phone number and we will call you back to reschedule.

If I take lessons, do I have to perform? Are there recitals?

Here at World of Music, we think playing any instrument should be fun! We do have several recitals a year, but they are on a voluntary basis only. We also have a Rock Boot Camp where students have the opportunity to perform in a band with their lesson peers, as well as an ongoing schedule of fun events for students and parents alike.

**If you have more questions or are ready to sign up,
CALL US at 814-459-2585!**

