

Being a part of The Heights Violin Studio requires commitment for an entire quarter. The tuition covers all of the fees for the quarter: weekly private lessons, weekly group lessons, recital fee, piano accompanist fee, etc., and is non-refundable.

Please arrive early and come prepared to your lesson, which includes having enough sleep, having had a snack, trimmed fingernails, and bringing all of the lesson materials. Each student is expected to practice and listen to the Suzuki recordings daily and attend all of the lessons and group classes.

Please do not ring the doorbell when you arrive. Come in through the front gate and wait on the porch until your lesson. If the weather allows, start unpacking outside to allow maximum lesson time. Please leave the gate open to allow the next student to do the same.

Please remember to silence all of your electronic devices. Put them away during the lesson with an exception of using the devices to make video/audio practice recordings. Texting, using social media, and receiving/making calls in the lessons are distracting and minimizes the impact of the lesson.

The teacher, parent and student form an equilateral triangle called the Suzuki Triangle. The teacher is responsible for educating both the child and parent by giving practice materials and healthy practice suggestions to guide a nurturing learning environment. The parent ("Home-Teacher") is responsible for attending the lessons, taking notes *without interrupting the lesson*, and adopting the teacher's positive attitude to facilitate a daily routine of listening to the recordings and practicing with the child at home. The student is responsible for working collaboratively with the parent and teacher.

Please mark your calendar for all of the lessons, group lessons, events and recitals. Let the teacher know as soon as possible if you must miss a lesson. **There are no makeup lessons.** *Please do not ask for a makeup lesson or to reschedule a lesson.* If you wish to reschedule a lesson, please use the studio directory to contact other parents to make a lesson switch. Let the teacher know about the lesson switch as soon as possible. If you have any concerns regarding the no-makeup-lesson policy, please read the "Makeup Lessons From an Economist's Point of View" by Vicky Barham. If you must terminate your contract at any time, please give at least one month of notice. Failure to do so will result in a charge equaling a month of tuition.

Communication is the key for maintaining a healthy Suzuki Triangle. Whether it's practice struggles at home, schedule conflict, change in home environment, or anything that relates to the child's learning environment, it helps the teacher to know. Please do not hesitate to schedule a time for a parent-teacher meeting.

Please do not bring a sick child to the lessons. If the child is too sick to go to school, the child is too sick for a violin lesson. Instead, you may consider having a video lesson or a parent-teacher meeting during the lesson time.

The Heights Violin Studio has an open door policy. You are welcome to invite your family, relatives, and friends to your lessons and group classes. On some days, you may have prospective students and and guests observing your lesson.

The parents are asked to read Ability Development from Age Zero by Shinichi Suzuki. The Heights Violin Studio embraces Dr. Suzuki's philosophy that every child can reach their potential when the learning environment is nurturing and fun.

The Heights Violin Studio is not responsible for any injury, damage, or loss during the course of involvement with the Heights Violin Studio.