

STMS Policy 2023-2024

Attendance

Students agree to attend lessons in person (at their home) or online at the agreed upon day and time. STMS observes Federal Holidays and local school schedule for additional holidays. Please see the STMS calendar for a list of holidays.

If you are unable to attend a lesson, please let me know in advance if you wish to schedule a make-up lesson (1 per month).

Lessons cancelled the day of lessons are not eligible for a make-up lesson.

Each student is given 1 complimentary make-up lesson per semester. (Fall Semester: Labor Day to Winter Break, Spring Semester: January to Memorial Day)

All make-up lessons will be conducted online the last Saturday of the month between 10 am-2 pm.

If you miss more than one lesson per semester, a \$10 fee will be applied for each additional make-up lesson.

Make-up lessons do not roll over to the next month. If you miss a lesson in September, it must be made up in September.

Lesson Fees

Lesson Fees are \$30/30-minutes, \$45/45-minutes, \$60/60 minutes.

Payment for the month is due on the 1st of the month. Invoices will be sent the day before via Square.

In order to make payments hassle free and avoid late fees, I am offering a discount to clients that enable automatic payments. In order to receive this discount, simply save your card information when paying your invoice on August 1st.

Clients that do not enable automatic payments will pay a 3% transaction fee beginning in September and are subject to any late fees incurred (\$5 per day late).

In person lessons from the convenience of your home

If you live within a 10-mile radius of Ms. Klopfenstein's residence and sign up for 2 or more lessons, you qualify for in person lessons. There is a convenience fee of \$10/week (add \$1/additional mile).

Please be sure the lesson space is distraction free. Turn off the tv or other noise-making devices and contain dogs in a separate area.

If the student is a minor, an adult must be present at the residence for safety and liability purposes.

If the student or member of your household is sick, please attend lessons online.

Performance Opportunities

There are 2 recitals each year, one in December and one in May. Please make every effort to attend. Students are encouraged to wear concert black and white.

There is a \$10 participation fee per student. Tickets are \$2 per person. Children 12 and under are free.

Refreshments will be served following the performance. Beverages, cups, plates and napkins are provided.

Each family is asked to bring a sweet or salty snack to share and help with one task before or after the recital. Ms.

Klopfenstein will email invitations and sign-up sheet 2 weeks prior to the recital.

If a student is unable to participate in the recital, they may submit a recording of their performance piece to Ms. Klopfenstein.

Practice Expectations

Correct, consistent practice is essential to learning and growth. Please schedule practice time every day, if possible.

The amount of practice time depends on the students age and ability level.

Students between the ages of 5-8 will need parental supervision and assistance. Please keep practice time short and sweet with a focus on correct number of times as opposed to minutes.

When possible, listen to your student practice and praise them when you hear them playing well.

Please have a notebook to record practice assignments and a pencil and pen to take notes.

Listening to recordings of their pieces is essential to developing correct phrasing and expression.