

Studio Policies for Rose Morris Violin Studio

Parent's Responsibility:

- Make certain that your child has a good violin on which to practice. It is important that each student has the proper size instrument and accessories. These are: violin with new strings installed, spare set of strings, bow, shoulder rest, rosin, music stand for use at home and the lesson book(s).
- It is the position of this studio that violin lessons are to be treated with the same level of importance as any other subject your child may be studying in school.
- It is also the position of this studio that sporting events and other extracurricular activities are not considered valid excuses for not practicing during the week. Please respect my curriculum and my commitment to your child's musical education by maintaining a priority level for violin studies equal to that of other school subjects.

Student's responsibility:

- Students are expected to practice a minimum of **4 days per week** for at least 30 minutes each time. Regular practice is necessary and required. Students with three consecutive weeks of incomplete practice will be on notice and may be replaced.
- Students are expected to bring all music and materials to lessons.
- Students should keep fingernails trimmed short for the best hand positions for playing.

Lesson Schedule:

Lessons are divided into two semesters, Fall and Spring. Semesters will consist of 16 weeks of lessons and 1 additional week of make-up lessons per semester. A calendar may be downloaded from my website:

rosemorrisviolinstudio.mymusicstaff.com

Tuition:

(2024/2025)

30-minute lessons are \$460 per semester and can be paid in 5 equal monthly payments of \$92, or 2 payments of \$230, or 1 payment with a 3% discount of \$446.

45-minute private lessons are \$670 per semester and can be paid in 5 equal monthly payments of \$134, or 2 payments of \$335, or 1 payment with a 3% discount of \$649.

You may switch to monthly payments at the end of any semester.

Lesson Length	Tuition
30-minutes private lessons	\$92/month x 5 months \$230 in 2 payments \$446 in 1 payment (incl. 3% discount)
45-minutes private lessons	\$134/month x 5 months \$335 in 2 payments \$649 in 1 payment (incl. 3% discount)

Families should expect a yearly increase in tuition appropriate to cost of living increases and services offered.

Billing:

- Students are required to have a current credit card number on file. Auto-pay is my preferred method of payment. However, payments may be made online through PayPal, or by check or cash before the due date of the 27th.
- Each month on the 20th, invoices will be emailed for lessons in the upcoming month. Those enrolled in auto-pay will be billed when the invoices are emailed. Payment is due by the 27th in advance of the lessons being paid for. (For ex., February 27th is the due date for March's tuition.)
- If payment has not been made before the due date, the card on file will be charged on the 27th. If there is an issue with the payment going through on the card on file, lessons will be discontinued until payment is settled. Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee a hold on discontinued lesson slots as I keep a waiting list of new students.
- A 10% late fee will be charged for invoices paid after the 27th. There are no refunds on cleared payments. A fee of \$25 will be charged for returned checks.

Attendance:

- Students are expected to attend all lessons. Please be prompt – lesson times cannot be extended for students who arrive late.
- Students should be picked up promptly at the end of their lesson time. Parents may drop their child off or wait outside during lessons unless previously discussed with me. I will escort your child out after lesson time is over if the parent requests it.
- There are no refunds for missed lessons. Missed lessons are not able to be credited to the following month.
- If you are feeling ill, have any sickness, or are running a fever I ask that you let me know and opt to have online Zoom lessons or emailed video lessons,

or just hold off on lessons until you are well. In some cases, online lessons can be scheduled to take place the same day as the cancellation. I love seeing my students, but please do not come to lessons if you do not feel well! Please notify me as soon as possible if you cannot attend.

- In my experience, children and teens do better in lessons when family members are not in the lesson room. Parents or caregivers are welcome to sit in during the first month of lessons to observe how to help their child practice. After this, I ask that parents or caregivers wait in the hallway or in the vehicle during the lesson, or drop the student off. If parents or caregivers would like to come in for the last 2-3 minutes of the lesson for a quick recap of what was covered, I'll be happy to go over what was worked on during the lesson.

Student drop off and pick-up:

- If students are dropped off for lessons, they should come to the covered picnic-table area in front of the lesson building (Lucedale location) or right outside the gym doors (Wilmer location) no more than five minutes before their lesson time. The door to the building will be locked until the previous student's lesson is over.
- Students should go to the restroom if necessary as soon as they enter the building.
- When a lesson is finished, parents may come to the door to pick up the student or have the student walk out alone to be picked up. If parents need me to walk the student to their vehicle, they may let me know ahead of time and I will be glad to do so.

- Students waiting to be picked up after their lesson may wait inside the building by the doors or outside on the sidewalk.

Please remind your child not to wander around the church or church grounds.

Neither I nor River of Life Tabernacle, nor Wilmer Baptist Church will be held liable for any accidents or injuries that may occur on the premises. It is the caregiver's or parent's sole responsibility for the student's safety and well-being before, during, and after lessons.

Make-up Lessons:

Each semester will have 1 week at the end set aside for making up 1 missed lesson per student. Students may also choose one of the options below when he or she cannot attend an in-person lesson. (If I have an opening in my teaching schedule I will offer it as an alternate lesson time for that week.)

- 1. **Zoom online lessons:** These take place during the student's regular lesson time if he or she cannot attend in person. Please give at least a 3-hour notice that a Zoom lesson is desired. (This is not available for group lessons.)
- 2. **Video lesson:** The student will record himself or herself playing the assigned songs, and send it to me by Dropbox at msrosemorris@gmail.com. I will send a recorded video lesson/feedback based on what was sent.

Breaks

Each semester will have 2 weeks of breaks within the 5 months. Exact dates will be announced and you may also check the online calendar.

- Fall Semester...Labor Day week and Thanksgiving week
- Spring Semester...Presidents' Day/Winter Break week and Spring Break week.

Monday students: We will typically have lessons on Monday holidays like Columbus Day, MLK Day, etc unless a break is already scheduled.

Photos and videos:

I am proud of my students' hard work and enjoy sharing videos and pictures of their accomplishments on the Rose Morris Violin Studio Facebook page, in advertisements, etc. (Full names of students will not be used on the Facebook page or in advertisements.)

If you wish to deny permission for videos or photos of your child (or self, for adult students) to be shared on Facebook, in advertisements, newspapers, etc., please notify me in writing.

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