

Erica Shirts' Studio Policies and Fees

Raleigh/Durham, NC

Fees

Violin Lessons are weekly, hour-long group classes are monthly, and the fees for each month are due at the first of the month.

- There will be \$5 late fee if not received by the 1st

- 30 minute lessons (Suzuki book 1), \$30/lesson + 1 group class (\$20)
- 45 minute lessons (Suzuki books 2-4), \$42/lesson + 1 group class (\$25)
- 60 minute lessons (Suzuki books 4- and above), \$55/lesson + 1 group class (\$25)

- Lessons for siblings are discounted \$10 for private lessons and \$5 for group classes

- The first lesson is ½ price and serves as a trial lesson to make sure we all work well together.

Group Classes and Recitals

- Group classes will be held once a month to give the students a chance to perform, play in an ensemble and learn basic theory concepts. Beginning and Book 1 group classes are \$20, and more advanced group classes are \$25 in order to hire a pianist.

- Formal solo recitals are held twice a year and require \$25 per student to reserve the performance space and hire an accompanist.

Cancelation

- Lessons will be scheduled by 3 month "semesters." If you need to cancel or reschedule your lesson, please do it at least 2 days in advance so I can try to find another time. If I need to reschedule a lesson, I will give at least 2 days notice.

- Each semester, each student will receive 1 free makeup lesson for any sickness, family emergency, memory slip etc. occurring within 48 hours of the lesson.

(Any other lessons canceled within 2 days of the lesson will not be rescheduled or refunded.)

-If there is weather that does not permit coming to the lesson, we will set up a Skype lesson.

Sickness

If you or your child is sick, please do not come to the lesson! I teach a lot of children, so I am a perfect conduit for spreading (and contracting) colds and flus. If you cannot make it to a lesson last minute because of illness-- *call or text me* to let me know.

Practice

Students should be practicing at least the amount of their lesson time *every day*. If students are 9 or younger, they should be practicing with an adult daily. If they are 10-14, a parent should continue to closely monitor the practice time to make sure they are getting through everything in their practice books. Each student is different and will need different amounts of help from parents as they gradually take more responsibility for their practicing. I write very detailed instructions about practice in their student books to help organize practice time at home.

Any Issues?

It is important that we form a student/parent/teacher triangle that communicates well. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss (about lessons, practicing, technique or expectations) please feel free to call or email me! Any feedback is helpful for me to be a better teacher for your child.