

Overview

Students enrolled in the All Things Strings! studio participate in weekly private lessons, competitions, performance classes, dress rehearsals, and two studio recitals per year. The decision to enroll in weekly music lessons is a large commitment. Time and effort from both student and parent are often required as young children will need parental guidance to ensure progress. You should consider the benefits of childhood musical experiences before you make this commitment for your child. If your child has requested to be enrolled in lessons, take the time to explain the seriousness of their decision. While playing an instrument is fun, nothing comes without work. Parents, be prepared to play an active role in your child's musical studies.

Materials

1. Violin/Viola/Cello students need:
 - Your instrument, bow, and case
 - Rosin
 - Shoulder rest (or rock stop for cellists)
 - Agreed upon music (you are responsible for costs associated with sheet music)
 - Music stand for home practicePiano students need:
 - Access to a multi-octave piano for home practice—you must be able to play and hear more than one key at a time
 - Agreed upon music (you are responsible for costs associated with sheet music)
2. Portal access will be needed to keep track of:
 - Weekly assignments (*or a “lesson-only notebook”*) and downloadable worksheets
 - Lesson and events calendar
 - Practice hours to be logged weekly
 - Questions for Eliza
 - Account balance
3. You are expected to maintain your instrument in a playing condition that facilitates technical study and encourages good music making.
 - Piano students must maintain their home instruments with yearly tunings (or more as needed) and adjustments.
 - String students are expected to maintain the following: bow rehairs, strings, open seams, sound post adjustment, and peg adjustments as needed. If you are renting, your luthier will take care of all necessary adjustments and repairs.
4. A good attitude!

COVID Policy

Masks are currently optional. I reserve the right to temporarily move lessons to zoom if a student, someone in the student's household, or anyone in my household is required to quarantine. Or, if current guidelines restrict in person learning. You assume full responsibility for your health both before and after our in person lessons.

Term Dates, Tuition, and Attendance

Students register for an entire term of lessons. Each term includes 11 weeks of lessons (10 for the summer term) and two or three weeks of vacation. Certain vacation weeks will be designated as a “make-up week” for lessons canceled with proper notice. There are two studio recitals each year—one in December and one in May. Your tuition includes all recitals fees, so attendance at both recitals is recommended.

By registering for a term, you are committing to a weekly lesson time for the duration of that term. Therefore, you must make every effort to attend your weekly lessons. If you are **more than 15min late**, you forfeit your lesson for that day. Canceling a lesson must be done with at least **24-hours’** notice in order to acquire a make-up credit. Returning students receive two make-up credits per term (new students receive one make-up credit per term). You may register for a make-up lesson via the student portal during one of the designated make-up weeks. If you miss a make-up lesson for any reason, no other lessons will be arranged. Make-up credits expire at the end of each term and cannot be exchanged for a cash refund.

If you know of an upcoming conflict, you may attempt to temporarily switch lesson times with another student by filling out a switch request online: <https://www.allthingsstrings.net/Switch-Request>. There is no limit to the number of times you switch lessons with another student. Our studio is like a family—let’s help each other out! If you can, offer your lesson day and time when you see a switch request. 😊

Lessons canceled with less than 24-hours’ notice will **not** be made-up. However, lessons missed due to family or weather emergencies will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Please communicate with Eliza! Any lessons, performance classes, or recitals that Eliza cancels will be refunded or rescheduled to a time that best suits all parties.

There is a non-refundable recital fee included in your tuition for all costs associated with our studio recitals. So, recital attendance is strongly suggested! If you cannot attend the dress rehearsal prior to a recital, it is your responsibility to schedule a private rehearsal with the studio accompanist. You will be responsible for any additional rehearsals needed and the costs incurred.

Your tuition payment may be made by cash, check, credit card (+transaction fee), or Google Pay/Zelle and **payment is due at the first lesson of each new term**. Because of family vacations and summer camps, the summer term will always be scheduled and billed monthly. Therefore, the total amount of weekly lessons you take may vary from summer to summer. Tuition payments over the summer will be due at the first lesson of each new month. Regardless of the term, you will always receive a tuition statement via email and can check your account balance on the student portal at any time. There will be a \$10.00 per lesson late fee added for every lesson after a missed payment.

You may also choose to pay your Fall, Winter, or Spring tuition in three installments. The following indicates the amount due and the payment schedule for the upcoming term:

Week of March 2 —	40% of your tuition + \$2.00 per family fee
Week of April 13 —	30% of your tuition + \$2.00 per family fee
Week of May 4 —	30% of your tuition + \$2.00 per family fee

Spring 2025 dates and tuition fees

The Spring 2024 term dates are: **March 2 - May 22**

- The spring 2025 term will consist of **10** weeks of lessons (instead of 11):

Week 1	Week 2		Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
March 2 March 3 *March 13	March 16 March 17 March 20	spring break	March 30 March 31 April 3	April 6 April 7 April 10	April 13 April 14 April 17

Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
*April 19 April 21 April 24	April 27 April 28 May 1	May 4 May 5 May 8	May 11 May 12 May 15	May 18 May 19 May 22

- *NO LESSONS March 6, March 9, or March 10
- Vacation/Make up days: *March 23 - March 29 (limited make ups available)*
- *NO LESSONS on: Sunday, April 20
 - All Sunday students will need to reschedule their lesson to Saturday April 19th (or to a mutually agreed upon lesson day/time)
- Mandatory dress rehearsal: *Saturday, May 10 at Eliza's house*
- Spring Recital: *May 17 (location TBD)*
- Make up week: *May 25 - May 29*

Tuition Rate	
30 minute lessons	\$489.00 (11 weeks at \$42.00 plus a recital fee)
45 minute lessons	\$560.00 (11 weeks at \$48.50 plus a recital fee)
60 minute lessons	\$687.00 (11 weeks at \$60.00 plus a recital fee)

****For your records, the upcoming dates for the Summer 2024 term are: June 3 - August 15 ****

- Up to 10 weeks of lessons offered via summer punch card (schedule at your convenience)
- Vacation week: *June 30 - July 6*
- Make up week: *August 18 - August 22*

Parent Expectations

Parent involvement, though not necessary, is welcome! If you choose to sit in on your child's lesson, please refrain from interfering with the learning process by distracting your child or interrupting Eliza. If you have a question or concern, please wait until the end of the lesson to address the issue. You may always email, text, or call Eliza to discuss concerns as well. Above all, please resist the temptation to instruct or correct your child during lessons. It is overwhelming and often very confusing to have two authority figures in the room giving direction. Instead, trust that your instructor sees the same issues and will address them when appropriate.

Withdrawal and Refund Policy

You may withdraw from lessons at any time. A prorated refund will be issued, minus 25% regardless of the number of lessons remaining, unless you choose to pay your tuition in installments. If you choose to pay in installments, no refunds will be made on payments already processed regardless of the number of lessons remaining.