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VIOLIN/VIOLA STUDIO POLICIES 2017-18

Private Lessons:

- This is a 12-month, year-round program. Students are expected to continue lessons in the summer as well as during the school year. Lesson days, vacations, holidays, and studio events are all detailed on the studio calendar.
- Your lesson is during the time scheduled. If you are late, you will be given only the remaining portion of your time.
- No make-up lessons are given for lessons missed by students for any reason.
- Student absences cannot be credited or refunded.
- "No shows" will not be rescheduled or refunded. Your lesson time is reserved exclusively for you. If you must miss a lesson, please call, email, or text me as soon as possible. I will worry about your safety if you do not show up.
- Two floating "sick days" for each day of the week (Mon-Thu) are built into the schedule, in case I am ill or need a personal day for an emergency or unscheduled absence during the school year. The lesson for that day is not included in the tuition schedule, and I will not make up lessons when a "sick day" is taken.
- If I must cancel a scheduled lesson, other than the two "sick days" per year, I will make it up. Dates/times will be arranged as needed.
- If you must miss a lesson, you may call another student on the schedule and arrange to switch times with them, if possible. Both students swapping lesson times must leave me a voice mail, email or text telling me what time they will come for their lesson. You may email or call the studio number and leave a message 24 hours a day.
- Do not attend lessons when ill. Learning does not happen when you or your child is sick, and it is not a good experience for your child. Please do not pass on contagious illnesses to me and all the other students and families in my studio.

Group Classes:

- Group classes will include rehearsal for group concerts, ensemble techniques, review, theory, performance experience and other musical activities.
- All students are expected to attend and participate in group classes and studio recitals, concerts and events.
- Student absences cannot be credited or refunded.
- Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend group class.

Summer lessons:

- Two make-up lessons may be given for lessons missed by students to accommodate summer vacation schedules in June, July and August. No make-up lessons are given during the summer for lessons missed by students for any other reason. Any other student absences cannot be credited or refunded.
- Make-up lessons must be requested in advance of the missed lessons. (It is impossible for me to make up 40 lessons during the last week of August.)
- Open lesson slots will be filled as soon as they become available. If you discontinue lessons during the summer without paying your summer tuition to hold your space, your lesson spot is considered open. It is unlikely that there will be an open spot in the fall schedule when you return.
- Payment of your summer tuition, even if unable to attend lessons, will hold your lesson slot and reserve your space in the fall schedule.
- Please note, since schedules are published so far in advance, some calendar dates may be subject to change.

Tuition

- Annual Registration Fee: \$39.00 per student (your Southeast Texas Suzuki Association/STXSA Family Membership Fee and HMTA/TMTA Student Affiliate Fees are included)
- Monthly Tuition for one-hour lessons: \$254.00
- Monthly Tuition for 45-minute lessons \$217.00
- Monthly Tuition for half-hour lessons: \$181.00
- Tuition includes 38 private lessons and 20 group classes pro-rated over 12 months.
- Tuition also includes my additional time for recitals, festivals, group concerts, contests, events, rehearsals with accompanists, and other studio activities.
- Tuition payments are due on the first of the month. If your lesson does not fall on the first day of the month, please pay your tuition at the last lesson of the previous month.
- There will be a \$20 late fee added to your bill if not paid by the 1st of the month.
- Tuition may be paid by major credit card on an automatic monthly charge, or by check or cash.
- Make checks payable to Dolce Music Studio. There is a \$35 fee for returned checks.

Other Fees:

- Suzuki Association of the Americas Parent Membership: \$38.00 per family per year
- Additional/extra lessons are available on an individual basis:
 One-hour lesson.....\$75.00 per hour
 Chamber music coaching.....\$80.00 per hour, per ensemble.
- Music and materials: I will make sheet music and most materials available for purchase in the studio for your convenience. When a student receives new music or materials, the price will be added to the next monthly tuition payment. Students will be required to purchase original printed music that they are studying. Photocopying/xeroxing of copyrighted materials is illegal and will not be allowed, with the exception of permanently out-of-print music. CD's and cassette recordings are also copyrighted materials. Copying of published CD's is also illegal and will not be allowed.
- Instruments: Parents are responsible for providing instruments and appropriate maintenance of the instruments. I am always happy to help in the selection of instruments and bows. Please take instruments/bows out "on approval" from the violin shop and bring to your lesson for evaluation.
- Accompaniment: Parents are responsible for piano accompaniment fees for all performances, contests, recitals, etc.

Discontinuing Lessons

- It is assumed that when a student begins, that lessons will continue. If it becomes necessary to discontinue lessons, a 30 day notice is necessary. If lessons are terminated in the middle of a month, the remainder of that month's tuition will not be refunded.
- I may have to dismiss a student if any of these circumstances occur: failure to pay tuition on time, failure to comply with studio policies, uncooperative attitude, lack of progress due to insufficient practice or unfulfilled requirements.

Daily practice:

- Students are expected to practice every day. Daily practice time should be at least the length of the student's weekly lesson. (for example, if you have a one-hour lesson, you should practice at least one hour each day.)

Parking:

- Parking is available on the street. Please do not block my driveway or the neighbors' driveways.

Observation:

- Students are encouraged to observe other students' lessons to increase their knowledge through the passive learning process. Please feel free to come early or stay after your lesson to observe other students. Siblings and friends are welcome to observe lessons, but not at the expense of the student who is receiving instruction. Visitors are expected to listen quietly with minimal attention from the parent. Please make alternate arrangements for a sibling who needs your frequent attention during a lesson. Do check in advance that the lessons are still on the schedule for that particular day you wish to observe. Occasionally, there is a change in schedule and I may need to leave the studio at a specific time, not on the regular schedule.

Photo & liability Release:

- I hereby give permission to Dolce Music Studio, Danette Schuh, and any other entity with which Danette Schuh is affiliated, to use my name and photographic likeness, video and audio recording, as well as the name(s) of my children and their photographic likenesses, video or audio recording in all forms, media and electronic media for publicity, advertising, trade, and any other lawful purposes. I assume responsibility for my child/children in all Dolce Music Studio activities and related activities and I hereby release Dolce Music Studio, Danette Schuh, and its employees and agents from claims, liabilities, and causes of action for losses, damages and injuries. For my children under 18 years of age: I, the undersigned, am the parent/legal guardian of the individual(s) named below and I have read this release and approve of its terms.

I have read, understood and agreed to the above policies in their entirety.

Parents' name(s): _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Student(s) name(s): _____