



2023-24

Dolce Lessons

Instruction in violin, viola, cello, & bass



Group class in-person and online!

please use a separate form for each student

Student's name _____ Date of birth _____ Instrument _____

Student's cell phone _____ Student's Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student's school _____ Grade level _____ Orchestra/music teacher _____

Current piece _____ Suzuki book # _____ Previous teacher's name(s) _____

If student is a transfer student, who has previous lessons with another teacher

Parent's name(s) _____

Siblings' name(s) _____

Cell phone _____ Email _____

Additional Parent's name _____

Additional Parent's Cell phone _____ Email _____

Contact in case of emergency _____

Name

cell phone

relationship

Tuition: Monthly ☐ 1 hr. lesson: \$312.00 ☐ 45 min lesson: \$265.00 ☐ 1/2 hr. lesson: \$224.00

☐ \$39.00 Yearly Registration Fee ☐ \$19.00 IMTA Student Affiliate Fee (grades 1-12)

Payment Procedure:

You will receive an email invoice on the first of every month from Dolce Music Academy at <quickbooks@notification.intuit.com> with a link to submit payment. You just click the link in the email to make your payment. We accept credit/debit cards, ACH bank transfer, ApplePay, PayPal, or Venmo. A \$25.00 late fee will be added to your bill if payment is not received within 7 days of invoicing.

Photo & Liability Release

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I have read the attached policies of Dolce Music Academy and understand and agree to them in their entirety.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send to: Dolce Music Academy
Danette Warren, Executive Director
PO Box 1911, Sugar Land, TX 77487-1911

Phone (mobile): 713-542-5428
www.dolcemusicacademy.org



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Pumpkin Patch Concert

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 Academy events are all detailed on the 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 and please do not ask for exceptions.
- 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 as soon as possible. We will worry about your safety if you do not show up.
- Two floating "sick days" for each day of the week are built into the schedule, in case a teacher is ill or needs a personal day for an emergency or unscheduled absence during the school year. Tuition for those weeks is not included in tuition fees. The teacher will not make up lessons when a "sick day" or "personal day" is taken.
- If a teacher must cancel a scheduled lesson, other than a pre-calculated "sick day" or "personal day", a makeup lesson will be offered.
- **If you must miss a lesson, you may call another student on the schedule and arrange to switch times with them. Both students swapping lesson times must send a text, email or leave a voice mail for Miss Danette with that information. You may email or call/text the Academy number, 713-542-5428 and leave a message 24 hours a day.**

Illness:

- **Do not attend lessons when ill. Students and parents attending in-person lessons when ill will be sent home immediately. This decision will be at the discretion of the teacher. No makeup lessons will be given in this situation.** Please remember, 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 us and all the other students and families in the Academy. The health and safety of everyone is of primary importance.

COVID-19:

- Since the onset of COVID-19, lessons and classes have been offered online with Zoom. Online instruction will be offered indefinitely. In-person/face-to-face lessons and classes will be offered at the discretion of Dolce Music Academy. We are continually assessing the relative risks vs benefits of in-person instruction and are taking the health and safety of everyone concerned into consideration. Everyone will be required to follow the current Academy safety protocols, regardless of vaccination status. The most current safety protocols will be posted on the Academy website and in the weekly Academy email.

Group Classes:

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

Summer Lessons:

- The months of June and August will be on a slightly different schedule. Each month will have two lessons, two group classes and one master class.
- The month of July will be a vacation month. No regularly scheduled lessons or classes. Extra lessons may be scheduled on an individual basis.
- Open lesson slots will be filled as soon as they become available. If you discontinue lessons during the summer without paying the minimum 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:

- Monthly Tuition: one-hour lessons: \$312.00. 45-minute lessons \$265.00. Half-hour lessons: \$224.00
- Annual Registration Fee: \$39.00 per student
- IMTA/TMTA Student Affiliate Fee: \$19.00 per student in grades 1-12
- IMTA/TMTA Spring Theory Test: \$22.00
- Tuition includes 26 private lessons, 19 group classes and 4 master class lessons pro-rated over 9 months (September-May). June and August will each have two lessons, two group classes and 1 master class. No lessons or classes in July.
- Tuition also includes your teacher's additional time for events, recitals, festivals, group concerts, contests, and other Academy activities.
- Tuition payments are invoiced by email on the first of the month, for the month in advance, and are due upon receipt.
- There will be a \$25 late fee added to your bill if not paid within 7 days of invoicing.
- Tuition may be paid by credit/debit card, ACH bank transfer, ApplePay, PayPal, or Venmo.



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Spring Recital

Other Fees:

- Southeast Texas Suzuki Association (STXSA) Family Membership: \$18.00 per family
- Suzuki Association of the Americas Parent Membership: \$42.00 per family per year (optional)
- Additional/extra lessons are available on an individual basis:
 - One-hour lesson.....\$85.00 per hour
 - Chamber music coaching.....\$90.00 per hour, per ensemble.
- Accompaniment: Parents are responsible for piano accompaniment fees for all performances, contests, recitals, etc.
- Instruments: Parents are responsible for providing instruments and appropriate maintenance of the instruments. Teachers are 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.
- Music and materials: We will make sheet music and most materials available for purchase whenever possible, for your convenience. When a student receives new music or materials, the price will be added to your next monthly statement. 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. Published CD's and recordings are also copyrighted materials, subject to the same rules.

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.
- We may have to dismiss a student if any of these circumstances occur: failure to pay tuition on time, failure to comply with Academy policies, uncooperative attitude, lack of progress due to insufficient practice or unfulfilled requirements.

Daily Practice:

- Students are expected to practice every day with the guidance and support of their parent. Parents are expected to practice with their children until they reach the age where they are ready to practice independently, usually during the middle school years. 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.)

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 the teacher may need to leave the studio at a specific time, not on the regular schedule.

Safety:

- The safety and welfare of our students is a high priority. Parents can help us in this effort. The Academy is sharing space in a public building. We want to insure that everyone remains safe. Children will not be released from class to leave the building on their own. A parent or guardian must escort children from the classroom before they can exit the building. Students who are able to drive to the Academy on their own must send a group text (including their parent(s)/guardian(s) and their teacher) upon arrival and departure. The Academy has adopted the "Safe Sanctuary" policies of Christ Church Sugar Land. Two adults must be present when minors are in lessons or classes. Teaching rooms will have windows so that the area is always visible from the hallway and a parent is required to attend private lessons with their child. Please talk to the Director about procedures for students who will be driving themselves to the Academy.

Building Access:

- In order to insure safety for everyone in the building, various doors to the church are locked at different times depending on building usage and events taking place in different parts of the building. The Office Entrance (to the right of the main doors to the Sanctuary on the East side of the building) will be open and unlocked during business hours Monday-Thursday. In the Family Life Center Building, doors are locked the majority of the time. Please text 713-542-5428 to be let into the building. For Friday Fiddle Jam, if the Office Entrance is locked, please text 713-542-5428.

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