

Teaching Policies
Alexis Buffum's Violin Studio
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Lesson cost:

30 minute lesson: \$30/ 45 minute lesson: \$45/ 60 minute lesson: \$60

Generally, preschool and elementary students are 30-minute lessons; middle school is 45 minutes; and high school and beyond is 60 minutes. Adults generally take a 45-minute lesson. We meet once a week.

How to Pay:

Please pay the first week of the month, for that month. I accept payment via check, cash, Paypal, Zelle, and Venmo.

Group classes:

I host group classes every 2 weeks for various levels and ages. I currently have 2 classes for young students, and 1 class for adults. These are strongly encouraged and a huge benefit to the student. The cost is \$10 per class. If you ever cannot make it, you will not be charged. But please join as often as you can, there are many benefits and it is a low cost for the student.

Make-up lessons:

Please let me know ahead of time if a lesson needs to be missed. I am happy to make up lessons that are rescheduled with at least 24 hours notice. Without that notice, the lesson will need to be paid in full. Please reschedule your lesson if anyone is sick or having any symptoms. If there is a last-minute emergency or sickness, I will be happy to reschedule.

Zoom/Online lessons:

We have an online lesson whenever necessary. In person is ideal, but this is particularly helpful when scheduling make up lessons.

Summer:

I'm happy to skip (without payment) lessons when students are out of town, at a camp, etc. But the weeks that you are in town, please come to your lesson.

Stopping lessons:

I understand that violin isn't for everyone! If you are thinking about stopping, I would love to be part of the process and have conversations! Many times, we can make changes that help motivate the student to continue. If a student is seriously thinking about stopping, I require 4 lessons to make sure it is the right decision for everyone.