UNISON
Music Academy

Lesson Policy

2026-2027 School Year

IMPORTANT FOR 2026-2027

Tuition is now billed in 10 equal monthly payments. Student absences are non-refundable, and each student may receive one make-up opportunity per semester when eligibility requirements are met.

Lessons

The school year includes 36 weekly, one-on-one lessons offered in 30-, 45-, or 60-minute sessions from August 31, 2026, through June 15, 2027. We can recommend the lesson length best suited to each student's age, level, and goals.

Tuition and Fees

The standard payment plan is 10 equal monthly payments due September through June. Families may choose to pay by semester instead.

Lesson length	Monthly payment	Rate per lesson	Annual tuition	Semester payment
30 minutes	**$171**	$45	$1,710	$855
45 minutes	**$243**	$65	$2,430	$1,215
60 minutes	**$297**	$80	$2,970	$1,485

Annual tuition includes 36 lessons and two required student recitals at $45 per recital. Each semester payment includes 18 lessons and one recital. Families enrolling two or more siblings receive a 5% discount on lesson tuition.

Monthly tuition is consistent and does not vary according to the number of lessons scheduled in a particular month.

Payment due date and late fee. Monthly tuition is due by the first of each month. Late payments incur a $15 fee. Lessons will be paused until the account is brought up to date. Lessons missed because of an unpaid balance will not be made up, credited, or refunded.

Invoices and payment methods. Invoices are emailed through My Music Staff. Please add these emails to your safe-sender list so they do not go to your junk folder. Payments may be made by Venmo, Zelle, check, cash, or secure automatic payment. **All tuition payments and fees are non-refundable.**

Student Absences and Make-Up Lessons

Tuition reserves a specific weekly time in the instructor's schedule. Refunds, credits, and ongoing or floating make-up lessons are not offered for student absences.

Each student may receive one make-up lesson per semester:

- Fall make-up opportunity: December; Spring make-up opportunity: June.
- At least 24 hours' notice is required. No-shows and late cancellations do not qualify.
- A missed make-up will be forfeited and cannot be credited, refunded, or carried into another semester.
- Additional absences will not be made up, credited, or refunded.

Please notify your instructor as soon as you know that a student will be unable to attend.

If an instructor cancels a lesson, a make-up lesson will be guaranteed.

Illness and Inclement Weather

Please do not send a student to an in-person lesson if the student is ill or unwell. When possible, the lesson may be conducted virtually. During inclement weather, lessons will be held virtually at their usual times.

Withdrawal and Termination

A student wishing to discontinue lessons must provide two weeks' written notice; email is accepted. We encourage families to discuss concerns with the instructor before making this decision. Tuition and fees already paid are non-refundable. All payments due through the effective withdrawal date remain the family's responsibility.

The instructor reserves the right to terminate lessons because of repeated lack of preparation, insufficient interest, disrespectful behavior, poor attendance, or late payment, generally after contacting the parent or guardian.

Music Books and Materials

Music books may be provided by the studio and added to the family's invoice. First-year materials generally cost approximately $20-$30. Families may also purchase their own books using the instructor's recommended list. Students must have access to a metronome for practice. A physical metronome or an appropriate metronome app may be used.

Instrument Requirements

Piano students must have regular access at home to one of the following:

- A properly maintained acoustic piano; or
- A full-sized digital piano with 88 weighted keys, a sustain pedal, and a bench at the proper height.

The instructor can recommend new or used instruments for a variety of budgets. Acoustic upright and grand pianos should generally be tuned twice each year. We can provide the name of a piano technician upon request. The instrument should be placed in a well-lit area where the student can practice with as few distractions as possible.

Accordion students should consult their instructor before obtaining an instrument, as accordions must be sized appropriately for each student.

Practice Expectations

Students are expected to practice consistently and arrive at each lesson with assignments completed. A chart is provided in the assignment book; parent encouragement is important.

Level	Suggested practice time	Frequency
Primer	15 minutes	4 days per week
Levels 2B-4	20-30 minutes	4 days per week
Level 4 and above	30-45 minutes	4 days per week

Required Recitals

- **Fall/Halloween Recital:** Friday, October 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
- **End-of-Year Recital:** Sunday, June 13, 2027, at 2:00 p.m.

Both recitals are included in annual tuition and are required.

By registering with Unison Music Academy, parents and students agree to respect and follow all policies and procedures. Please sign the Policy Agreement and return the completed registration forms to your instructor.

Policy Agreement

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By registering as a student with Unison Music Academy, parents and students agree to respect and abide by all policies and procedures listed in the Lesson Policy.

Please sign below and return this page to your instructor.

Student name

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Parent/guardian signature _____ **Date** _____

Student signature (if appropriate) _____ **Date** _____

For studio use

Date received _____ **Instructor initials** _____

Student/Parent Information & Media Release

Please complete one form for each student.

Student's full name _____ **Student's birthday** _____

Parent(s)/guardian(s) _____

Home address _____

Cell phone _____ **Home/alternate phone** _____

Email address _____

Current school _____ **Grade** _____

Instrument _____ **Years studied (if any)** _____

Last method or book used (if any) _____

Type of instrument available at home _____

Learning needs or accommodations

Does the student have any learning needs, disabilities, or other considerations that may help us choose an effective teaching approach?
[ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, please explain _____

Medical conditions or food/environmental allergies [ ] Yes [ ] No If yes, please explain below.
Important medical/allergy information _____

Media Release

Unison Music Academy may share performance and in-class photos or videos on its official social media accounts and website. Select one option.

[ ] **YES**	I give permission for my child's photographs and videos to appear on Unison Music Academy's social media accounts and website.
[ ] **NO**	I do not give permission for my child's photographs and videos to appear on Unison Music Academy's social media accounts or website.

Sign below. Permission may be changed in writing for future use.

Parent/guardian signature _____ **Date** _____