

Beaver Country Day School

Private Lesson Policy and Contract

Mission: The mission of the Beaver Country Day School Private Music Lesson Program is to nurture a love of music and provide the opportunity to learn practice skills, develop technical skill, improve musicianship, and foster an appreciation of great music of all genres. It is an opportunity for skills learned in music ensembles to be reinforced and fine tuned. All of our private lesson teachers are highly trained and accomplished professionals who remain active in their respective fields as performers, clinicians and educators.

Time: Private lessons happen one time per week and eight times per term during the regular school year. Each lesson is 30 minutes, 45 minutes or 60 minutes in length, depending on student scheduling and teacher availability.

Cost/payment: Lesson tuition is billed through Beaver's SMART Tuition system. Please do not send payment directly to the teacher.

30 minute lesson- \$45/lesson (\$360/term, \$1080/year)

45 minute lesson- \$67.5/lesson (\$540/term, \$1620/year)

60 minute lesson- \$90/lesson (\$720/term, \$2160/year)

Financial Aid: Students who receive financial aid for Beaver tuition will automatically receive the same percentage of aid for their private lessons. No additional application is necessary.

Scheduling/Attendance:

Lessons should be scheduled for a day and time that the student will be available every week throughout the term. Please check sports schedules, rehearsal and performance schedules, outside activity schedules, family schedules, etc. before committing to the trimester. Before teaching can begin, this contract, signed by teacher, student and parent, must be received. Teachers, parents and students should check their calendars thoroughly and plan each week of the trimester. If there is a no-school holiday scheduled on the day of a lesson, the teacher and student should plan ahead for an alternate meeting time. If health and safety policies shift, lessons will continue remotely and schedules adjusted accordingly.

Attendance/Cancellation policy:

Our teachers are professionals who depend on these lessons for their livelihood. We feel strongly that this policy respects the high caliber of our teachers, and ultimately provides more consistent progress for our students.

Unexcused Absences: If a student misses a lesson without notice, the teachers will email the student, parent, advisor and the Private Lessons Coordinator within 24 hours of the missed lesson. The teacher is not obligated to make up this lesson.

When lessons need to be missed for any reason, students should notify the private instructor at least 24 hours in advance of scheduled lesson time. Please email the teacher and the Private Lessons Coordinator (privatelessons@bcdschool.org). Students will be given makeup lesson opportunities at the discretion of the instructor. Failure to notify the instructor will result in no makeup lesson and no refund. If a scheduled makeup lesson is missed that lesson will be forfeited.

Please note that there are many special schedules and field trips that occur during the year. It is important that you contact your instructor as soon as you find out about a change in time.

****SNOW CANCELLATIONS/EMERGENCIES—**If school is canceled due to the weather, a makeup lesson will be provided within reasonable consideration for the number of snow days.

Private Lesson Recital- Students who take private lessons are encouraged to perform at the Private Lessons Recital on April 8, 2025. If an accompanist is needed, that should be arranged through the private lessons coordinator.

Please Return This Portion Signed by Parent and Student

Length of lesson: 30 Minutes 45 Minutes 60 Minutes

Weekly Lesson Day and Time _____

I agree to the above stated trimester, day, time and length of lesson. I understand the attendance policy. I agree to the financial responsibility for contracting 8 lessons per trimester.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I agree to be responsible about attending my lessons at the regular scheduled time and to give my teacher proper notice if I must miss. I will stay on top of my calendar and commitments so that I might get the most out of this experience.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Student Print Name _____