



## Private Lesson Tuition and Fees 2025–2026

At the PVS, we are grateful for the students and families who choose to make music with us. Our private lesson program is designed to provide high-quality, individualized instruction that supports musical growth and a lifelong love of learning. Below is everything you need to know about registration, tuition, and financial aid for the 2025–2026 school year.

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### New Students

Welcome! We're so glad you're considering lessons with us.

All new students must create an account on our student portal [Opus1](#).

New students should begin by signing up for a 30-minute trial lesson, which costs \$40 and must be paid in advance. This helps ensure a good student–teacher match before committing to a full semester. [Click here to schedule a trial lesson and pay by credit card](#), or see page two for check or cash payment instructions, and email Lily at [music@pvso.org](mailto:music@pvso.org) to schedule the trial lesson.

If you'd like help selecting a teacher, please reach out to Lily at [music@pvso.org](mailto:music@pvso.org).

After the trial lesson, we'll follow up with you to discuss next steps. Tuition for the remainder of the semester will be prorated.

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### Commitment Periods

**Weekly recurring lessons** are reserved by the semester or full academic year (16 lessons per semester). Bi-weekly lessons (8 lessons per semester) may be available at the discretion of the teacher.

- Fall Semester: 16 weeks, September–January
  - Spring Semester: 16 weeks, February–May/early June
  - Summer Session: Flexible schedule, arranged directly with your teacher, with a minimum of 4 lessons
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## Tuition

Lessons may be reserved in 30-, 45-, or 60-minute sessions and paid in full (per semester or academic year) or in monthly installments.

- 30 minutes: \$36 per lesson
- 45 minutes: \$54 per lesson
- 60 minutes: \$72 per lesson

## Payment Methods

Students may pay in monthly installments, or in full payments either per semester or for the full year. Unless we are told otherwise, you will be registered for lessons at the full cost of the commitment period (default to by semester). A \$20 registration fee is applied per student for each new commitment period (semester or year), capped at \$40 per household. This fee is waived for returning students during the summer session.

|                |                                                                 |                                    | 30 min. | 45 min. | 60 min. |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Weekly Lessons | Pay Once                                                        | One Semester<br><i>16 lessons</i>  | \$576   | \$864   | \$1,152 |
|                |                                                                 | Academic Year<br><i>32 lessons</i> | \$1,152 | \$1,728 | \$2,304 |
|                | Pay in Monthly Installments<br><i>9 equal payments per year</i> |                                    | \$128   | \$192   | \$256   |

### By **credit card** or **bank transfer**:

Communicate with the Registrar about whether you'd like to pay in full or monthly payments upon registration. Add a payment method to your [Opus1 student portal profile](#). You can add a credit or debit card, or a bank account.

If you register in advance of the start date of the commitment period, your monthly payments will be automatically charged on the first of the month. If you start mid-semester, your first payment will be due in advance of the first lesson. You may also log in at any time and press "Pay" on actively due invoices to make payments. All invoices can be viewed on your Opus1 student portal profile.

### To pay by **cash** or **check**:

Mail payment to the PVS main office: 239 Main Street Rear, Greenfield, MA 01301. *All checks should be made out to "PVS" or "Pioneer Valley Symphony."* **Please inform the Registrar if you plan to pay via cash or check.**

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## Accessibility

PVS is committed to making music education accessible to all. While tuition rates help sustain our instructional program, we recognize that cost can be a barrier.

We offer a no-intrusive-questions-asked accessibility policy, which includes:

- Sliding-scale tuition
- Payment plans
- Sibling discounts
- Financial aid

Students age 18 and under can apply for financial aid through the [Mary Kay Hoffman Fund](#). Students over 18 should contact our Registrar Lily Ruderman to explore financial aid options.

Financial aid is re-evaluated annually. All returning students who wish to continue receiving aid must reapply each year using this form or by emailing [music@pvso.org](mailto:music@pvso.org). If we don't receive a new application, we'll assume the student is paying standard tuition.

If you're in a position to give, we warmly invite you to donate to the [Mary Kay Hoffman Fund](#). Your generosity helps make music education possible for all. Thank you!

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## Student Policies & Participation Waivers

[See the Student Handbook here.](#)

[Print and sign media waiver for participants ages 18+.](#)

[Print and sign the media and medical waiver for participants under age 18.](#)

## Questions?

We're here to help.

Lily Ruderman, Registrar

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