2025 LowCo Suzuki Guiter

Studio Policies & Tuition Updated 1/1/25

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LowCo Suzuki Guitar Studio strives to provide an exceptional musical education based on a supportive home environment with opportunities to share music in our community. I encourage you to become a member of the <u>Suzuki Association of the Americas</u> which will give you access to parent forums and a subscription to the Suzuki journal, among other things.

Tuition Information

- Quarterly Tuition Fee: <u>\$475</u>, due second lesson of each quarter
 - Individual 30min Lessons \$45
 - * \$10 Penalty if Paid after 3rd lesson/week of Quarter
 - \$10 Fee for to split Tuition into Multiple Payments
 - Late Payment may result in forfeiture of scheduled private lesson time
- Includes:
 - Private Lesson Time Slot: Reserved Weekly
 - Approximately 10-12 private lesson time slots reserved for student per quarter
 - See Make Up Policy
 - Group classes
 - Due to covid, group classes have been temporarily reduced or suspended (TBA)
 - Recitals, jams, and chances to join instructor for community performances
 - Parents should help Students prepare for participation in recitals.
 - If children are too shy to plan, at this time, please insist on attendance to listen
 - Parents may plan a guitar neighborhood party or performance for their child or the group
 - <u>Tutorials</u> available for registered students and parents online
 - Zoom or FaceTime Lesson during sickness or travel, ie: lice, cold or flu.
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- Quarterly Schedule:
 - Summer Quarter -2/3 of Tuition due for August & September.
 - Aug-Sept. for 2/3 of Quarter (2/3 of Tuition Fee)
 - August Partial Quarter Begins 1st or 2nd week of August with Group Lessons
 - Flexible July Month
 - Reserve any number of lessons for Flex-Month based on mutual travel schedules
 - Fall Quarter (Oct-Dec)
 - Major Holiday Weeks (TBA) may suspend Private Lessons in lieu of Group lessons (zoom or in person)
 - Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years holiday weeks
 - This allows a simple flat quarterly fee and simpler schedule during everyone's travel/family time
 - Students are offered opportunity to participate in multiple group instruction. Dates and times TBA.
 - Winter Quarter (Jan-Mar)

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- 1st week of January may only be group lessons Zoom or in person TBA
- Private lessons begin 2nd week of January
- Spring Quarter (April-June)
 - Holiday Weeks with No Private Lessons, Group lessons instead:
 - Easter or Spring Break, TBA

• Absence and Make-Up Policy - Individual Lessons

- Note: Teacher or parent reserves the opportunity to switch to Zoom lessons for health reasons. Please be cautious and use this option as needed.
- Quarterly or monthly Tuition pays for the scheduled private time slot at a fixed rate, regardless of the number of lessons in any given quarter. See <u>Economicist/Suzuki</u> <u>Parent's Point of View</u> for more info.
 - No reduction in tuition during holiday breaks or personal vacation time. **
- Lessons Cancelled Due to Instructor
 - Optional Make Up may be offered to multiple students at once.
 - It's unlikely Instructor's schedule allows for multiple private make up lessons
 - Allows students to observe others' working piece
 - Fine tune ensemble pieces
 - Instructor reserves opportunity to find a substitute for private lessons in the case of instructor absence.
- Sibling Discount
 - %5 discount for second sibling upon request for first year. Subject to change.
- Student Absences
 - Credits will not be given to Students that miss their scheduled lesson time,
 - rescheduling with advanced notice is possible, but not guaranteed. I want students to succeed and I try to be as consistent as we can, will try my best but will not rollover lessons/credits unless it's teachers fault.
 - Students are encouraged to arrange a lesson swap if they know that they will be missing a lesson.
 - When a conflict with your scheduled lesson arises, arranging a swap with another student is a way to avoid an absence.
 - Decreases the need for make-up lessons with minimal interruption.
 - Parents should notify the teacher when a swap is arranged.
 - In the event of an emergency cancelation, a make-up may be offered at the teacher's discretion if an opening is available the week of the cancelation. If no opening is available that week, the lesson will not be made up nor credited.

** Exception: If a parent notifies the Studio before a Quarter begins that the student will miss **four** consecutive lessons, or a student misses four consecutive lessons due to sickness, the tuition for that month will be reduced by 50%. This will reserve the scheduled time slot of your private lesson for your return.