

ITASCA  
ORCHESTRA & STRINGS  
PROGRAM

Student Lessons Policies  
2019-2020

### Lessons

Music instruction includes 27 individual half-hour lessons. When possible, lessons will take place during the school day at a student's school individually. Lessons for adults will take place in our lesson room in the Reif. Student orchestra rehearsals will take place after the school day.

### Payments

- Payment for the full year is greatly appreciated but may be made in 8 installment payments invoiced monthly at an additional cost. A registration fee of \$50 will be due at the time of registration. Registration can be done online at [www.getlearning.org](http://www.getlearning.org).
- For individuals choosing to pay in installment payments, payments are due at the beginning of the month. However, because students are still signing up in the first week of October, the first payment is due October 15. The remaining 7 installment payments must be paid by the first of the month: November 1, December 1<sup>st</sup>, ect. Monthly invoice reminders will be emailed to households.
- The IOSP program is a full-year commitment. The tuition is for the full year and must be paid even if the student drops the lessons.
- We stock merchandise such as lesson books and strings and can provide them to your student at cost. If you prefer to purchase this items individually, please let us know. If we provide your student with merchandise we will send an invoice for those items.
- The price listed until May 31<sup>st</sup> reflects a 5% discount. The price will increase after May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Delinquent Payments

After the third delinquent payment, student will be notified by mail that lessons will be discontinued unless full payment is made within seven days. Student will still be responsible for the balance for the year.

### Registration

Registrations submitted in the spring of each year guarantee a spot for next year's program. Fall registrations are processed on a first come, first served basis. Families owing any tuition, rental, or merchandise fees from the previous year will not be allowed to register for next year's classes until payment is fully made. Registration is available online at [www.getlearning.org](http://www.getlearning.org).

### **Instrument Rental**

IOSP has instruments available for rental at the following monthly rates:

Violins \$15

Violas \$15

Cellos \$25

Basses \$30

### **Attendance**

IOSP maintains a calendar at [www.itascaorchestra.org](http://www.itascaorchestra.org). Click on Calendar. If school in ISD 318 is cancelled, then lessons and student orchestra practices are cancelled.

Students must email your student's lesson teacher if a lesson will be missed for **any** reason.

**Make up lessons will only be given if a teacher misses a lesson.**

Regular attendance at student orchestra rehearsals is encouraged. The director may determine when a student has missed too many rehearsals and not be allowed to perform with the orchestra in concert.

### **Practice**

The only way a student will ever improve is with practice! If a student simply attends their lessons and orchestra rehearsals without putting in any of their own individual practice time, he or she is not reaping the full benefit of participation in our Strings Program. Generally, 20-30 minutes most days is a good basis, with shorter time for beginning students, but if your student only has a few minutes, a few minutes is much better than not practicing at all.

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