



River's Edge School of Music Student and Parent Handbook

About the River's Edge School of Music

The River's Edge School of Music, managed by the River's Edge Arts Alliance, is an afterschool music program providing private lessons in a range of instruments to students in grades four through twelve from Hudson and the surrounding towns. The program includes 28 lessons between September and May, with an April recital and make-up lessons scheduled as needed in June (see make-up policy below). Lessons currently take place at Quinn Middle School (201 Manning Street, Hudson MA 01749) and Hudson High School (69 Brigham Street, Hudson MA 01749). Other locations may be added as needed and as available.

Whether students are beginning a new instrument or honing their skills, the River's Edge School of Music is dedicated to helping young musicians excel. Our teachers work with them to develop basic skills, learn repertoire, and prepare them for performance.

2018/19 Lesson Schedule

Fall Semester			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9/24	9/25	9/26	9/27
10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4
NO LESSON 10/8	NO LESSON 10/9	10/10	10/11
10/15	10/16	10/17	10/18
10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25
10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1
11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8
NO LESSON 11/12	11/13	11/14	11/15
11/19	11/20	NO LESSON 11/21	NO LESSON 11/22
11/26	11/27	11/28	11/29
12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6
12/10	12/11	12/12	12/13
12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20
NO LESSON 12/24	NO LESSON 12/25	NO LESSON 12/26	NO LESSON 12/27
NO LESSON 12/31	NO LESSON 1/1	1/2	1/3
1/7	1/8	1/9	1/10
1/14	1/15		
NO LESSON 1/21			
1/28			
Spring Semester			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		1/16	1/17
	1/22	1/23	1/24
	1/29	1/30	1/31
2/4	2/5	2/6	2/7
2/11	2/12	2/13	2/14
NO LESSON 2/18	NO LESSON 2/19	NO LESSON 2/20	NO LESSON 2/21
2/25	2/26	2/27	2/28
3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7
3/11	3/12	3/13	3/14

3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21
3/25	3/26	3/27	3/28
4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4
4/8 – lessons and recital	4/9 – lessons and recital	4/10 – lessons and recital	4/11
NO LESSON 4/15	NO LESSON 4/16	NO LESSON 4/17	NO LESSON 4/18
4/22	4/23	4/24	4/25
4/29	4/30	5/1	Make-up period: 5/2-5/16
5/6	5/7	Make-up period: 5/8-5/28	
5/13	Make-up period: 5/14-5/28		
5/20			
NO LESSON 5/28			
Make-up period: 6/3-6/10			

Spring recitals will be held on April 8, 9, and 10 this year. Individual recital times will be arranged later in the year.

Note that lessons do occur on district-wide half-day Wednesdays.

Tuition and Registration Fees

Annual Registration Fee: \$25 (due upon registration, non-refundable)

Annual Tuition: \$800 (includes 28 lessons during the school year).

Current River's Edge Arts Alliance Members receive 10% discount on tuition. You may also join at the time of registration to receive the member discount.

Once a student's lesson schedule has been confirmed, our office will send an email invoice with a link for online payment for the balance due. The River's Edge School of Music reserves the right to suspend or discontinue instruction of any student whose family is delinquent in fulfilling their financial obligation.

Payment Options:

- Annual Payment of \$800 (due by September 24)
- Bi-Annual Payments of \$400 (due by September 24 and January 31)
- Monthly Payment Plan - contact our office at info@upwitharts.org for details

Financial Aid

The River's Edge School of Music is committed to providing need-based scholarships for as many students as possible. The scholarship application deadlines for the 2018-2019 school year school year are September 14 and January 11. If you are awarded financial aid in the Fall, you do not need to re-apply in the Spring. Financial aid recipients will receive payment plan options with notification of their award.

Our Financial Aid application can be found in the FORMS section of our website, www.upwitharts.org. The link is in the upper righthand corner of our homepage.

Withdrawals & Refunds:

Once lessons have commenced, formal notification of withdrawal must be made in writing to the River's Edge Arts Alliance at info@upwitharts.org. Refund or credit *may* be granted due to special circumstances only.

- Teacher notification is not considered formal notice of withdrawal.
- Non-attendance is not considered notice of withdrawal.

Attendance and Make-Ups:

Private Lesson students are allowed two make-up lessons per school year, at the instructor's discretion and if the absence is excused by the instructor. An absence is excused under the following conditions:

- If the student notifies teacher of absence with at least 24 hours' notice
- If the student and teacher mutually agree to schedule a make-up lesson and notify the office of this agreement.

The same policy holds true for teacher absences.

Make-up lessons, including those for weather-related cancellations, are scheduled at the discretion of instructors and are often times made up at the end of the semester or by increasing lesson times.

Tardiness:

Students who are late for a lesson cannot be guaranteed their full lesson time. Instructors will wait for a student for half of the lesson time before starting another lesson or leaving. Missed lesson time due to instructor tardiness will be made up at a mutually convenient time.

Weather-Related Lesson Cancellations:

The River's Edge School of Music follows the Hudson Public Schools schedule. We will notify students and instructors of weather-related cancellations via email. An announcement will also be posted on the River's Edge Arts Alliance website and Facebook page. If you are unsure about cancellations, please contact our office at (978) 562-1646 or info@upwitharts.org. Lessons missed due to weather-related cancellations can be made up at a time that is mutually convenient for the student and the instructor.

Accessibility:

Both of our lesson sites are handicap accessible (Quinn Middle School at 201 Manning Street, Hudson, MA 01749 and Hudson High School at 69 Brigham Street, Hudson, MA 01749).

Supervision of Children:

To ensure your child's safety, please be sure to pick him/her up promptly after their lesson. Children waiting in the schools before and/or after their lesson are NOT supervised. Children are under supervision during their instruction time only. Neither instructors nor administrative staff are responsible for supervising children outside of teaching times. Please ensure that your child does not touch or tamper with any school equipment.

Please note that all of our instructors have been CORI'd by the River's Edge Arts Alliance and Hudson Public Schools.

Discrimination Policy:

The River's Edge School of Music does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, citizenship, ancestry, age, mental or physical disability, veteran status, or any other category protected under applicable law in its admissions, education programs, activities, or employment policies.

Photography & Other Media:

The River's Edge School of Music reserves the right to create photographs or audio/video recordings of lessons, recitals, and other music school activities. These materials may appear in print, audio, and digital media, including the River's Edge Arts Alliance website and social media platforms. The River's Edge School of Music will not publish the names of students involved in any private lesson or group activity without parental consent.