

Michael Daniels Strings

Private Studio Policies

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Welcome to Michael Daniels Strings. These policies are intended to create a consistent, productive, and positive lesson experience for students and families and to ensure clear expectations regarding scheduling, attendance, payment, and communication.

Scheduling, Enrollment, & Discontinuation

Private studio students are assigned a recurring lesson time based on availability. This time is reserved specifically for the student and cannot be transferred to a sibling or another student without prior arrangement.

Enrollment in the private studio is ongoing unless otherwise arranged. If a student plans to discontinue regular lessons, at least two weeks' notice is requested so the reserved lesson time may be offered to another student.

Tuition & Payment

Lesson rates and payment arrangements will be communicated at the time of enrollment.

Payment is expected according to the agreed-upon schedule. Families should contact Michael directly with any questions regarding payment or changes to their lesson schedule.

Cancellations & Make-Up Lessons

Because each student's lesson time is reserved specifically for them, please provide at least 24 hours' notice when cancelling or requesting to reschedule a lesson.

Make-up lessons for student cancellations are subject to Michael's availability and are not guaranteed.

Lessons cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice or missed without notice will be charged at the regular lesson rate. Exceptions may be made for emergencies or extenuating circumstances at Michael's discretion.

Instructor Cancellations

If Michael needs to cancel a lesson, the lesson will be rescheduled when possible or any payment already made for that lesson will be credited or refunded, as appropriate.

Illness

Students should not attend an in-person lesson when experiencing symptoms of a contagious illness.

When appropriate and with advance communication, an in-person lesson may be converted to a virtual lesson so the student can maintain their scheduled lesson time without bringing illness into the home studio.

Late Arrivals

Students arriving late are welcome to use the remainder of their scheduled lesson time. Lessons will still end at the originally scheduled time so that subsequent students are not affected.

Students Under 18

A parent, guardian, or other responsible adult must remain on the premises for the entire duration of an in-person lesson for students under age 18.

Minor students should not be dropped off without a responsible adult remaining on the premises.

Adults are welcome to remain inside the home during the lesson or wait outside in their vehicle. Parents and guardians are welcome to observe lessons when appropriate but are not required to remain in the teaching space.

Michael Daniels Strings provides music instruction and is not responsible for supervising students outside of their scheduled lesson time. Please plan for students to arrive and depart promptly in connection with their scheduled lesson.

Virtual Lessons for Minor Students

A parent or guardian must authorize participation in virtual instruction for students under age 18 and provide appropriate contact information. Virtual lessons will use a unique Google Meet link sent via confirmation email.

Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that minor students have an appropriate location, device, internet connection, and necessary materials for virtual instruction.

Lesson Preparation

Students should arrive with their instrument, music, and any other materials needed for the lesson.

Regular practice between lessons is strongly encouraged. Individual practice expectations will vary according to the student's age, experience, goals, and current repertoire.

Instruments & Personal Property

Students and families are responsible for their own instruments, bows, cases, music, accessories, and other personal belongings brought to lessons.

Weather & Unsafe Travel Conditions

When weather or travel conditions make an in-person lesson unsafe or impractical, lessons may be moved online, rescheduled when possible, or otherwise adjusted in consultation with the student or family.

Communication

Scheduling questions, cancellations, and other studio-related communication should be directed to Michael via email to: MichaelDanielsStrings@gmail.com.

For minor students, parents or guardians should remain included in communications concerning scheduling, payment, and other administrative matters.

Respectful & Safe Learning Environment

Michael Daniels Strings is committed to providing a respectful and productive learning environment.

Students are expected to treat the instructor, other students, members of the household, instruments, and property respectfully. Michael reserves the right to end a lesson or discontinue instruction if behavior is unsafe, significantly disruptive, threatening, or otherwise inappropriate for the teaching environment.

Photography, Video & Student Information

Student photographs, videos, recordings, names, testimonials, or other identifying information will not be used for promotional purposes without appropriate permission.

Permission to use such materials may be requested separately and is not a condition of receiving instruction.

Changes to Studio Policies

Studio policies may occasionally be updated as scheduling or studio needs change. Students and families will be notified of significant changes.