

Blakeslee Studio Policy 2017-2018

Tuition:

Ten payments (September through June) for 32 lessons to be given between September 2017 and June 2018

Monthly contract for hour lessons: **\$275 per month**

This is the **only** option for students ages 11-21 and may be elected by other students.

Monthly contract for 45-minute lessons: **\$220 per month**

This option is available for students ages 10 and under **ONLY**

Per lesson rate: **\$90 per hour**

This option is available for adult avocational students over age 21 **ONLY**

Please note:

1. Families with more than one student taking lessons must let me know if they are swapping times. This is so I can be fully prepared for each student. Swaps within the family should not affect total number of lessons for each student.
2. If you wish to change your lesson time, it will be a permanent change. In other words I cannot change your lesson time just for the three months of a sports activity and then give you your former lesson time back at the conclusion of the sports season. Your previous time may be taken by another student.
3. Adult students choosing to pay per lesson will schedule lessons one at a time and will not have a set time for lessons. Cancellation policy for these students is 48-hour notice or you will be charged for the lesson.
4. Students should maintain a portfolio of performance repertoire (listed in the back of the lesson assignment book). Any other works to be performed, including music for school orchestra, church, weddings and so on, should be brought to the lesson prior to performance.

Missed lessons:

1. The schedule will roughly follow the Fairfax County School Calendar. It will also be posted on <https://blakeslee.musicteachershelper.com/>
2. Scheduling conflicts require a two-week notice. I will make every effort to reschedule the lesson at a mutually convenient time. If that is not possible, missed lessons can be made up in August.
3. In the case of inclement weather when you feel unsafe driving, the lesson will be rescheduled as soon as possible, or made up in July or August. If my sidewalk seems icy or you are nervous about using it, please come in the front door.
4. On occasion, I may have to change a lesson time because of my professional commitments. I will give you as much notice as possible for such a cancellation and will arrange a makeup for the canceled lesson at a mutually convenient time or in August.
5. Students wishing to terminate lessons must give one month advance notice.

Practice: There is a definite correlation between the amount of practice and the rate of progress. I expect the following as a guide for minimal daily practice: 30 minutes for the young beginner (6-10 years), 45 minutes for students 11-13 years old, 1 hour for older students who are studying harp for enrichment, 2 hours or more for those students considering a career in music.

Performance:

Students are expected to participate in studio recitals (two or three will be scheduled). In addition there will be options for Master Classes, competitions, and Christmas recitals.