

## Tuition Policy

### School-Year Tuition:

To simplify budgeting for my students and their families, create steady income for my studio and reduce my record-keeping, I have adopted a tuition-based system (rather than a fee-per-lesson system) for the school year, September 1 through June 30.

Tuition covers not only **43 weekly lessons** but also participation in **master classes, recitals, parties** and other **enrichment activities** offered through the studio. It is these “extras” that I think truly set my studio apart and help produce not only top-notch flutists but well-rounded musicians and caring people who have lots fun!

**Tuition is based on the length of your weekly lesson and due by the 10th of each month, September through June.** You can bring it to your first lesson each month, or send it by mail.

Monthly tuition for 30-minute lessons:	\$180
Monthly tuition for one-hour lessons:	\$320

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- *A \$25 late fee will apply if payment is not received by the third lesson of each month.*
- *Additional fees may apply throughout the year for accompanists, ensemble rehearsals, contests, retreats, recordings, master class instruction, etc.*

### Missed-Lesson Policy:

**Advanced notification of a student's absence is requested as a courtesy, but does not exempt the student from payment contracted.** There will be no required make-ups or refunds for missed lessons for any reason. I reserve special time in my schedule for each student's lesson, and students need to make attending that lesson a priority.

Due to demand, my teaching days now are fully scheduled. **If a student needs to miss a lesson, he or she should refer to the student directory to try to arrange a trade with another student.** This is consistent with my goal of helping students develop into independent learners who take responsibility for their learning and practice self advocacy.

**IF I NEED TO CANCEL any scheduled lesson, the student will receive a make-up lesson or a prorated tuition refund.**

**Our musical year runs from September through June, with two one-week breaks. The studio will be closed the last week of December and the last week of June. Summer lessons can be arranged on a weekly, fee-per-lesson basis.**

## What Tuition Covers

As you know, participation in my studio is more than just lessons; “it’s a lifestyle,” say some parents. Having so many extra curricular activities and enrichment means that your children have the best possible education and experience—one that will last a lifetime. Here are just a few of the extras that your tuition supports:

### Studio Enrichment Activities

- Master classes with renowned flute professors
- Participation in several contests
- Mother’s Day Gala
- Holiday party
- Coordination of Snowater retreat at Mt. Baker
- Ensembles
- Participation in the Seattle Flute Society Flute Fair concert
- Private flute show by Carolyn Nussbaum

### Administrative Support

- Emailing and calling parents and students
- Scheduling lessons and special events
- Arranging ensembles and scheduling rehearsals
- Buying and copying music
- Writing student recommendations
- Planning reading assignments and fun teaching aids

- Production and distribution of *Flute Flash* to keep you all informed
- Attending students’ contests, concerts, and master classes

### Facility Rental & Supplies

- Purchasing music
- Mother’s Day facility rental, food, presents, and party goods
- Providing lunch for students at master classes and Saturday rehearsals
- Providing accommodations for visiting master class teachers
- Providing extras at Snowater

### Professional Development

- Participating as a member in the Seattle Music Teachers Association, the Music Teachers National Association, the National Flute Association, and the Seattle Flute Society
- Maintaining my rating as a Nationally Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM)
- Attending meetings and conventions and becoming a nationally known speaker at these events
- Researching and writing articles monthly about innovative and effective teaching methods

**Love of music is one of the greatest gifts you can give your children.**