

HOW DO I KNOW IF MUSIC LESSONS ARE WORTH THE PRICE?

Shop around! Not every teacher is right for every student. You will want to be sure that your music teacher provides the things that are important to you as well as the things that are important to students' musical developments.

Start by interviewing several music teachers to learn more about their:

- Education
- Goals and Expectations
- Philosophies of music education
- Teaching experience
- Curriculum
- Studio Policy

Above all, find out how they demonstrate commitment to excellence in music education.

No price can be put on such a beautiful art as music, but by investing in your child's music education, you can provide them with a skill they will enjoy for a lifetime!

WHERE DOES MY MUSIC TUITION GO?

HOW DOES IT BENEFIT THE STUDENT?



Answers to frequently asked questions about tuition and music lessons.

MUSIC LESSONS - FOR A LIFETIME OF ENJOYMENT

Congratulations on choosing to participate in music lessons! Music has been found to enrich the lives of all who participate in its creation or enjoyment. When you choose to take music lessons or give them to someone you love, you are choosing to learn a skill that will benefit you and bring you joy your entire life! No price can be put on such a beautiful art as music. Yet, obtaining the skill will certainly require assistance from a professional—your music teacher.

Your teacher has chosen to make music their business and their occupation. As with any business, costs are calculated to both ensure that the highest quality product is given and that the business makes enough profit to continue providing their services.

SO, WHAT DOES MY MONTHLY TUITION COVER?

For most teachers, tuition covers:

- **Time spent with the student**
Lessons, classes, group lessons.
- **Time preparing for the student**
Searching for music, lesson planning, bookkeeping, development of curriculum, etc. It has been cited by professional music journals that for every hour enrolled in piano lessons, you are investing in at least 2 hours of the teacher's time!
- **Your teacher's training and experience**
- **Recital costs and preparations**
Programs, refreshments, facility rental.
- **Professional organization memberships**
Memberships are maintained by the teacher to enhance their teaching skills and provide the student with opportunities for festivals, competitions, and performance events.
- **Studio expenses**
copying, computer software, incentive programs, instruments, tunings, repairs, newsletters.

- **Professional journals**
Publications to stay current on new teaching materials and trends.
- **Music books, supplemental materials, studio licenses**
Materials purchased by the teacher to keep costs low for students including digital music that can be printed at the lesson.
- **Property taxes, self-employment taxes, insurances, business licenses, retirement**
The independent music teacher has no employer to assist in providing health and life insurance by matching funds. Tuition helps cover the increased living costs of your self-employed teacher.
- **Continuing education**
Lessons and classes that keep the teacher current on methods and techniques to help your child succeed!
- **Certification costs**
Independent music teachers pay to be recertified every five years provided they have met all the continuing education and studio requirements. This keeps the teacher accountable to a professional organization.