

Steranka Flute Studio, LLC

Terms and Conditions

Updated March 2021

It is in the interest of all parties that the following terms and conditions are understood and followed throughout the duration of the tuition. In paying tuition to the Steranka Flute Studio, LLC for lessons, the student/guardian accept(s) the following:

1. COVID-19 Safety Precautions

UPDATE, 3/5/2021: All lessons are remote until further notice. Once Ms. Steranka has received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, the option for hybridized remote and in-person instruction as described below will be offered. She will be eligible in phase 1B.

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Safety of staff, students, and guardians remains the top priority for operating this year. Spring semester is comprised of eighteen lessons and one recital. All January lessons will be conducted remotely via Zoom, and a decision about how to proceed will be announced the last week of January based on infection rates in Allegheny County.

In the event that in-person lessons are offered this semester, students will be permitted to come in person bi-weekly and remain on Zoom the rest of the time to avoid contact with other students. The following additional precautions will be taken:

- Lessons will be held in Luther House on the second floor of First Trinity, or McKinney Hall if it is unavailable. Students will enter through the church's rear entrance and head up the stair case to avoid contact with church employees.
- The teacher agrees to remain at the other end of the room (15+ feet away) with a mask on the entire time, and will approach only with permission from the student and/or guardian.
- Students will wear a F3 flute mask and a foot joint booty at all times. Contact Wendy Webb Kumer to order one: wwkflute@gmail.com (pictures/demos available by request)
- Space permitting, the teacher will remain in a plastic "bubble" with three side panels and a ceiling. Pictures available by request.
- Windows will be open, outdoor temperature permitting. Fans will be left off.
- Surfaces will be sanitized between in-person students.
- Students may opt to continue in a remote-only format if they so desire and agree to come in person as allowed by the teacher **AT THEIR OWN RISK.**

2. Rates

The monthly tuition rates are listed below and are due in nine equal monthly payments September through May at the first lesson of every month, or in two equal semester payments. Tuition includes 32 lessons and 2 recitals offered from **September 5th – May 15th**. **As of April 2021, all checks must be made payable to the Steranka Flute Studio, LLC. Payments made directly to Sarah Steranka will not be accepted.**

Studio Tuition 2020-2021

32 lessons + 2 Saturday studio recitals – Tuition Payment Plan

9 monthly payments due at the first lesson of the month September – May:
(Includes weekly lessons + 2 Saturday recitals in Dec & May)

30-minute lessons = \$106 per month

45-minute lessons = \$142 per month

60-minute lessons = \$185 per month

OR

2 semesterly payments due at the first lesson of each semester
(Includes a “free recital” discount for each payment!)

30-minute lessons: \$448 per semester

45-minute lessons: \$608 per semester

60-minute lessons: \$800 per semester

All payments are nonrefundable.

Tuition includes weekly lessons, two studio recitals (one on a Saturday in December, the other on a Saturday in May), and full access to all of the lectures, masterclasses, and concerts at the Pittsburgh Flute Academy throughout the year. These will be announced as they are scheduled. Students will also have access to handouts and electronic copies of their warm-up exercises, etudes, etc. via a password protected page on my website.

3. Scheduling & Cancellation Policies

The 32-lesson semester will begin on **Saturday, September 5th** and end on **Saturday, May 15th**. There will be NO LESSONS on the following dates:

- **Nov. 23rd – Nov. 29th** (Thanksgiving/Fall Break)
- **Dec. 20th – Jan. 1st** (Winter Break)
- **March 29th – April 4th** (Easter/Spring Break)

Tuition is non-refundable and paid regardless of how many lessons are attended. A student may be able to make up a lesson if a free slot is available; otherwise, no make-up lessons will be offered. Lessons missed due to instructor absence OR a substitute will be

hired at no additional cost to the student. In the event that a substitute is hired, students are expected to attend at their regularly scheduled time. Make-up classes will be offered a minimum of twice a year on Saturdays; these will be announced as they are scheduled.

In case of a snow day or weather cancelation, remote lessons may be offered in place of regularly scheduled lessons. Parents/students will receive both a text and an email that morning if this is the case, so please be on the lookout! You may also choose to have a video lesson at the time of your lesson in the event that weather or other circumstances prevent you from attending in person.

Students are expected to cancel or attend remotely if they are sick, no exceptions. A student who attends a lesson sick may be turned away at the discretion of the teacher with no refund or make-up.

4. Data protection

All information, both verbal and written, acquired for the purpose of music lessons will be held in strictest confidence and will not be made available to any third party without prior consent. Parents may use a third-party payment service such as Venmo or PayPal to send tuition payments to the teacher but do so at their own risk.

5. Disclaimer

Any belongings are brought onto the property at First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church entirely at the student's own risk. The student will be responsible for any loss or damage incurred to any items.

6. Photographs, videos, and recordings

Any photographs taken in the course of flute lessons or studio events may be used on the Steranka Flute Studio, LLC website for the purpose of promotion. Permission from the student/guardian will be requested as a courtesy if the teacher intends to use a particular picture of them for their website.

7. Termination of Agreement

A decision to discontinue lessons may be taken by the teacher and/or the student, in which case as much notice as possible shall be given by the party seeking to discontinue. The Steranka Flute Studio, LLC reserves the right to refuse service to any student.