

Steranka Flute Studio Terms and Conditions

Correct as of October 2020

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 for lessons, the student/guardian accept(s) the following:

1. COVID-19 Safety Precautions

Safety of staff, students, and guardians remains the top priority for operating this year. Intended plans for the Spring semester will be announced by the end of Fall and are contingent on factors like how smoothly things run this Fall, infection rates, and student/parent satisfaction.

This Fall is compromised of fourteen lessons and one recital. Each student will receive seven in-person lessons and seven Zoom lessons on a rotating basis, such that they will never risk contact with another student. **All in-person lessons will continue to take place at First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church located at 531 North Neville Street in Shadyside.** For example, this is what the Saturday lesson schedule might look like the first two weeks of September:

Saturday 9/5

9:00 Student 1, In-person
9:30 Student 2, Zoom
10:00 Student 3, In-person
10:30 Student 4, Zoom

Saturday 9/12

9:00 Student 1, Zoom
9:30 Student 2, In-person
10:00 Student 3, Zoom
10:30 Student 4, In-person

Students will each receive the same number of remote and in-person lessons each, but this format will reduce everyone's exposure and leave time for more aerosols to settle. During in-person lessons, the following precautions will be taken:

- Moving forward, 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, which will be propped open and clearly labeled.
- The teacher agrees to remain at the other end of the room (10+ feet away) with a mask on the entire time, and will approach only with permission from the student and/or guardian.
- Students will be asked wear a mask unless they are playing. When playing, they will face away from me.
- 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.**

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 the teacher has a free slot; otherwise, no make-up lessons will be offered. The teacher agrees to make up all lessons missed due to her absence OR hire a substitute teacher to offer lessons in her place at no additional cost to students. Make-up classes will be offered throughout the year on Saturdays; these will be announced as they are scheduled.

In case of a snow day or weather cancellation, Skype or FaceTime 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, videos, and recordings taken in the course of music lessons may be used on the teacher's websites for the purpose of demonstration and promotion with prior permission from the student/guardian.

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 part seeking to discontinue. The teacher reserves the right to refuse service to any potential new student.