

# **Elite Studios Student Policies**

# Communication

For general questions, canceling a lesson etc. please refrain from using the Elite Facebook Messenger and email us at <u>info@elitestudioswindsor.com</u>. This email will be checked daily and we will do our very best to respond to you within 1 business day or sooner if it's warranted.

You can call or text the studio at 519-999-8903. Please feel free to text this number at any time, especially if you are running late or needing to cancel a lesson last minute! (Text is preferred as voicemails are not monitored as regularly).

Because we are trying to make sure that all of our information is going through the right channels, please also refrain from contacting your teachers directly at their personal emails or phone numbers and use the avenues listed above. We will ensure that all information needed will be given to the teachers!

## **Lesson Payment**

All lessons must be pre-paid prior to the start of a new semester or at the time of registration. Lump sum payments for an entire semester must be made by credit card on file. Cash is not an option for monthly payments. The semester fee for use of the studio will be calculated based on how many lessons are included in each lesson day throughout the semester (ex. Monday lessons may have fewer lesson days due to holidays). There is NO registration fee. Please Note\* Any declined credit card monthly payment will be subject to a 50.00 fee and any NSF cheques will be subject to a 60.00 fee.

## **Student Absences**

Upon registration, a student agrees to a specific weekly time slot. As with other extra-curricular activities, missed lessons will not be refunded or rescheduled. The studio has been reserved to accommodate a specific student at a specific time. Makeup lessons can only be offered in the case of an emergency absence on the part of the teacher (see Teacher Absences section below).

In the event that a student misses three consecutive lessons and there has been no communication from student or family, a discontinuation form is signed on behalf of the studio and these lessons will still be chargeable.

### **Teacher Absences**

In the event of a teacher absence, every effort will be made to provide a substitute teacher for that lesson. In the case of a last-minute emergency where no substitute can be found, the Studio will inform the student at the first opportunity. If a lesson is missed because of a teacher's absence, every effort will be made to make up the lesson at the earliest mutually convenient time. If a time is unable to be agreed upon, the student will receive a refund for the lesson at the end of the semester.

## **Duration of Lessons and Tardiness**

Each lesson allows for turnaround time for the teacher. Students are guaranteed twenty-five minutes of dedicated instruction per half hour lesson or fifty-five minutes for hour long lessons. Since each student has their own specified time slot, students who arrive late for their lesson will only be taught until the end of the previously agreed-upon time block for their lesson. If you are more than 15 minutes late for your lesson your teacher may not still be available to teach the lesson.

# **Discontinuing Lessons**

If a student decides to discontinue lessons *before* the end of the semester, the studio administrator must be notified. The student or parent must fill out the DISCONTINUATION OF LESSONS FORM and return it to the Studio Administrator or their teacher. Non-attendance to lessons does not constitute withdrawal from or discontinuation of lessons. The student will be billed for three additional lessons upon their withdrawal, after which their remaining lessons will be refunded. Students have the option to attend these three lessons (once the teacher or studio manager has been notified). Students may also choose to give these three lessons to someone else or simply pay them out. The three-week lesson charge is in place to both encourage the continuation of music lessons, and to allow time to schedule a new student – when possible – in the available time slot.

### Refunds

Any refunds owed to students will be issued at the end of the semester. This is to ensure that the teacher has ample time to provide make-up lessons. Refunds may be carried over from one semester to the next.

### Important Dates for 2024 (holidays, breaks, events etc.)

The holidays for 2024 are as follows: 2024 Winter Semester Begins: Tuesday, January 2nd New Year's Day: CLOSED Family Day February 19th: OPEN March Break March 11-15th: CLOSED Good Friday March 29th: CLOSED Easter Monday April 1st: OPEN Victoria Day May 20: CLOSED Turnaround Week June 30th - July 4th: CLOSED Summer Semester Begins: Monday July 5th

### Lesson Materials

Students are expected to bring a notebook (8 ½ x 11 or larger) to each lesson. Students are responsible for purchasing all books and materials required by their teacher. Lesson materials are available for purchase at Elite Studios. Students are instructed to wait until their first lesson before purchasing materials to allow guidance from their teacher.

### **Comments and Concerns**

The quality of your musical experience is very important to us. All students, families and staff associated with Elite Studios are always encouraged to voice their comments, suggestions, or concerns at any time through the info@elitestudioswindsor.com email address.