

# ReadyPlay Studio

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Students/Parents:

Greetings! I hope the summer has brought about relaxation, peace, and rejuvenation! As we look forward to the fall, and the reopening of the studio, I hope you are as excited as I am!

## Scheduling:

If you have not already received a confirmation of your day/time-slot for lessons, please expect a text/email in the coming days. Please keep in mind that I do my best to accommodate your request for a particular day/time. However, as a gesture of courtesy, returning students are added back to the schedule as closely to the previous year's time slot(s) as possible, or into a new time slot at their request, as is possible. New students are worked into the schedule in the remaining open slots. The studio will be open three days a week, to accommodate the current student body.

## Policies:

Schedules, fiddle class dates, and policy documents are available for viewing/printing online, via the website. Please refer to these before lessons begin/resume, when issuing each month's tuition, and to check for dates when lessons will NOT be in session, such as for holidays/vacations. It will be helpful to refer to these documents for the information ahead of time, so as not to interrupt instruction during a lesson. The seasonal schedule and fiddle class dates will also be posted in the studio waiting room for your reference, along with a payment chart for calculating lesson fees.

**It is up to parents/adult students to keep track of lesson time and calculate monthly tuition. When students get behind in pmts., it takes an immense amount of time looking back through monthly lesson attendance, adding up lesson lengths, checking previous pmt. amounts and calculating, etc. Please issue payment in exact amounts for each month, not in general lump sums. Thank you in advance for being attentive to this!**

## 2024-2025 Rates:

Until 2021/22, lesson fees had not changed in six years, since 2015. Even as the cost of living had continued to increase, studio rates had remained the same. As most of you know, I prefer to maintain lower rates, that both reflect our local economy and also allow opportunities for students/families that might not otherwise be able to take advantage of specialized, classical string instruction. However, rates should also reflect the quality of instruction as is comparable to the "going rate" of equal quality. Lesson rates have been at the current season rate since the fall of 2022, and although I had projected increasing the rates twice by now, with the reality of inflation and the overall poor economy, there will be no increase this season. Please be aware that next season, they will increase to the projected amount below.

As a point of reference, the current going rate for private violin/cello lessons in our region, is approximately \$25 per half hour lesson. My fees are still substantially below this "going rate". The studio rate increases are small, so as to make up the gap incrementally, instead of all at once. By next year the increased rates will still be below average. I hope to be able to keep them below average so as to offer the aforementioned opportunity for our communities. Thank you for understanding. If you're having difficulty in paying the rate increase, please let me know, and we will discuss options.

### 2021-2022 Rates:

½ hr. - \$16  
45 min. - \$24  
1 hr. - \$32

### **Current Season**

### **2022-2025 Rates (3 seasons):**

½ hr. - \$18  
45 min. - \$27  
1 hr. - \$36

### Projected 2025-2026 Rates:

½ hr. - \$20  
45 min. - \$30  
1 hr. - \$40

## Registration:

Enclosed and/or attached, please find the registration form. Registration with the studio is \$25 per season for the first student, and \$10 for each additional student. Registration forms may also be found on the website and are due back before November 1st. Forms may be returned by mail, via email, or brought to the first lesson. Registration forms must be filled out for each participating student regardless of age or experience.

**Before lessons begin/resume, please take a moment to visit the studio website and review the 'Policies' page as there may be changes.**

Yours,  
Fausta Poste