

Teacher Contact Information

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Lesson Expectations



At the Community Music School, we value and respect each student's individual musical journey. As an instructor, I prepare weekly lessons, keeping in mind each student's musical goals. I prepare lesson materials each week, with you in mind. As I prepare for your lesson, I also ask that each student comes to their lesson prepared to learn, ready to review assigned material, and open to learning new skills. Kindness, respect, and compassion are expected between teacher and student. Most of all, have fun learning!

It is necessary for the student to bring all lesson materials to their lessons, including keeping their instrument and all other equipment in good working order (if applicable).

Practice needs will vary from week to week. Practicing the skills learned at your lesson is necessary in order to make progress throughout the year.

All students are provided opportunities each semester to perform at a recital and/or performance class. We encourage all students to participate in order to share their music, learn from others, and encourage their fellow CMS colleagues on their own musical endeavors.

Lesson Attendance



- Students are expected to attend lessons and rehearsals on a regular basis. Teachers are not required to make-up lessons missed or cancelled by the student. Lessons that have to be rescheduled by the teacher will be made up at an agreed upon day and time.
- Refunds are not issued for lessons that the student cancels or missed.
- **ALL IN-PERSON CMS ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELED IF THE UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED DUE TO WEATHER.** Lessons will be offered virtually in the case of campus closure. If the public/private schools are closed, check with your individual private teacher to determine if he/she will be teaching as usual, virtually, or to schedule a make-up lesson.

Tuition



Lesson tuition covers not only the contact time spent with the student, but also the preparation for each student, including:

- an individual plan of study for the student
- development of teaching materials
- professional organization membership that enhance teaching skills
- continuing education

Payment arrangements are selected at registration. Questions regarding payments can be referred to CMS staff at uncommunitymusic@uni.edu or 319-273-2142.

Questions regarding installment payments should be directed to the UNI Office of Business Operations at 103 Gilchrist or 319-273-2162.

Important Dates



Fall

August 30 - December 19, 2026

- / week of August 30: Individual and Group Lessons begin as scheduled
- / November 7: Performance Class
- / November 22-28: Fall Break - No lessons
- / December 12 - 13: CMS Fall Recital Weekend

Spring

January 24 - May 15, 2027

- / week of January 24: Individual and Group Lessons begin as scheduled
- / Group piano lessons begin as scheduled
- / March 14 - 20: Spring Break - No Lessons
- / April 3: Performance Class
- / May 8: CMS Spring Recital Weekend

Summer

May 30- August 21, 2027

- / week of May 30: Summer Lessons start
- / TBD: CMS Summer Recital Day

Ending Lessons



The CMS staff believes it is in the best interest of the student to commit to a complete academic year of music lessons. Should a student decide to withdraw from lessons, the student must complete the [Lesson Withdrawal Survey](#) | [Community Music School](#) by the 15th of your final month of lessons. Final payment and lesson information will be communicated to the student by CMS staff.

Questions?



Questions are always welcomed and encouraged!