



Lesson Attendance Policy



Background

The best way to learn any subject is to devote time to it. Guitar, Ukulele and Beginning Bass lessons are no exception. Good progress is promoted by weekly instruction and as close to daily practice as the student can get. Enough information is provided in a half hour lesson to keep the student busy for the week, thereby preparing for the next step in their journey - the following lesson.

There will be times when other activities take precedent over lessons. This is understood. I am always willing to work with students to reschedule. I consider it part of the job. There will be times such as when the student is going on vacation, or involved in another planned activity that will take precedent over lessons. This is understood. I am always willing to adjust schedule as best I can. My preference for dealing with missed lessons is that we work together and reschedule.

Lessons are monthly. Tuition covers 4 half hour lessons per month. On average, there is a fifth lesson every third month. I do not charge extra for these lessons, but I will sometimes use them as vacation days.

Policy

When a student misses a lesson, regardless of the reason, I will make every effort to provide a makeup lesson, within the billing month or soon afterwards.

If a missed lesson is due to something unplanned such an emergency, illness, etc., and all reasonable efforts to schedule a makeup fail, the student is not expected to pay for the lesson.

If a missed lesson is due to a planned event that was not communicated beforehand, such as vacation, wedding, take-your-child to work day, etc. and all reasonable efforts to schedule a makeup fail, it is expected that the lesson is paid for. More than once, I have received phone calls on the day of a lesson saying that the student is on vacation and will not attend. Payment is expected in these cases.

When I need to miss a lesson, every effort will be made to schedule a makeup. After working full time for over 5 decades, I allow myself 5 to 6 weeks of vacation time annually. There is no expectation that lessons missed due to my vacation time be paid for.

In the event of inclement weather, I generally follow guidelines of the Knoxville School System.

Thank You!

Communicating planned absences in advance is sincerely appreciated.