

Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

In order to keep up with expenses, and offer our instructors rates that are comparable to other schools in the area...

I am informing you that I will be increasing the cost of a private half hour lesson by five dollars.

On July of 2012, we went from twenty dollars a lesson to today's price of twenty-five dollars. Though lesson prices have remained constant for five years: rent, office supplies, advertising, heat, electricity, and the cost of putting on a recital have all gone up.

The new price of \$30 will go into effect on Monday, February 5, 2018.

Along with the cost increase, I want to address our current absentee/cancellation policy. In the past, a cancellation call or email one day prior to a scheduled lesson has been sufficient.

While most students are respectful, we have others who abuse this policy and cancel week after week while still keeping their lesson time. They have sporadic attendance at best. This creates havoc with the schedule. It prevents us from offering times to new students, which keeps us from growing, and leaves continuous down time for our instructors.

Beginning February 5, 2018, we are going to break the year into 3 sessions:

Session 1: February — June

Session 2: July and August

Session 3: September — January

Every student will be allowed two cancellations per session. We still need you to notify us at least a day ahead. You will be invoiced for any canceled lessons over the allotted two.

Along with helping us with our new policy, we truly feel that consistency in practice and instruction will benefit our students and help them to reach their desired goals in music.

Thank you for understanding,
Anita Connerty
Owner of Music Elements School of Music

