



**Elizabeth Raihala
Music Studio**

**Voice / Piano
Music Instruction**

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POLICY STATEMENT & AGREEMENT

REGISTRATION

ALL STUDENTS

All students must complete a Registration / Renewal Form (Policy Agreement), prior to beginning lessons or annual renewal, stating understanding and compliance with current ERMS policy. There is a non-refundable *\$30.00 Registration Fee*.

TUITION

Tuition may be paid yearly, quarterly, or monthly, based on the nine-month school year. Payment is due on the first of the year, quarter, or month. **Payments received after the 10th of the month are subject to a *\$10.00 late fee*.**

Weekly 30-minute lessons:

Yearly: 810.00

Quarterly: 270.00

Monthly: 90.00

Weekly 45-minute lessons:

Yearly: 1215.00

Quarterly: 405.00

Monthly: 135.00

Weekly 60-minute lessons:

Yearly: 1620.00

Quarterly: 540.00

Monthly: 180.00

(Summer lessons are billed separately)

5015 Washburn Road, Duluth, MN 55804

BILLING

Please make checks payable to Elizabeth Raihala. Preferred payment method please use the Zelle app.

Monthly billing statements will be e-mailed the last week of the month prior to due date. Just like other businesses, it is crucial for ERMS to receive payments on time.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Recording MP3s of accompaniments (voice students) that are not part of your lesson time and is an excessive time commitment may be charged \$5.00.

MMTA EXAMS / CONTEST / NFMC FESTIVAL

Fees vary by event and are the responsibility of the student, payable in advance. Details will be given prior to the event.

MUSIC AND LESSON MATERIALS

ERMS purchases music for the students and partners with parents on the upfront reimbursement. Music and material fees are added to the monthly tuition lesson fee, when applicable.

MUSIC LIBRARY LOANS

ERMS has a large music library from which students may borrow music. Music is expected to be returned and in good condition, otherwise you will be charged for its replacement!

ACCOMPANIMENT FEES

Accompaniment of vocal students at auditions, competitions, events, recording sessions, etc. is NOT part of the basic tuition lesson fee and will

be negotiable, depending upon the time involved.

TUITION YEAR CALENDAR

Please refer to ERMS Academic Year calendar for breaks and music competition / testing / performing opportunities.

Note: Not all students will participate in all events due to their eligibility requirements or desire. Check the website for current information and schedule updates.
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MISSED LESSON / MAKE-UP LESSONS

As conflicts arise, please call, text or email me as far as in advance as possible, so that we can try to arrange for an alternate lesson time for the week. Alternate lesson will most likely be via Zoom online.

EXCUSED ABSENCE / STUDENT

i.e. Death in Family, Emergency Trauma, etc. A make up lesson may be granted in the event of an **excused absence** at the teacher's discretion.

The make-up lesson will be arranged as soon as possible at the convenience of the instructor and the student. **Please CALL or text** when you are unable to make your lesson, as far in advance as possible!

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE / STUDENT

i.e. Sports, Minor Illness, No show / No Call. A make-up lesson is NOT offered for unexcused absences.

If your instructor misses a lesson, a make-up lesson will be offered.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

If the weather is bad for travel, Zoom online lessons will be offered at your regular lesson time. (for those with in person lessons). Please call or text that you would like a Zoom lesson

instead of in-person lesson that day.

LESSON WITHDRAWAL

Please provide **one month's notice**, if you decide to withdraw from lessons. ERMS appreciates this business courtesy to allow time to restructure the lesson schedule. Notification received less than one month will require the tuition fee payment for the month.

A BRIEF NOTE ABOUT "TUITION"

Tuition is based on your enrollment, not on your lesson attendance. I am providing a service, such as a gym or a dance studio provides, which you are charged for, whether you attend or not. Tuition covers my time while teaching, plus many other hours spent in the following ways:

Preparation, recital attendance, bookkeeping, enrolling students in the Festival, Contest and various other MMTA exams (and attending these events); membership dues and participation in professional teachers organizations; on-going education (workshops, Conventions, classes, etc.); studio upkeep (providing quality instruments to teach on and the maintenance of them); and researching, stocking and preparing materials for student lessons and the lending library.

In addition, since I am self-employed, I must provide for my own retirement and insurance needs and do not receive paid vacation or sick leave that other professions provide.