

AMS After-School Music Lessons

Focus Areas: Guitar, Voice, General Music, Music Theory, Songwriting

Ages: 4-11

Instructor: Cassie Kollman, AMS Music Specialist, (860) 639- 1289, kgkollman@gmail.com

Individual music lessons support:

Self-confidence
Self-expression
Language skills
Math skills
Adaptability
Creativity

Schedule of Lessons

There are 27 lessons in the school year. Lessons are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 3:15-5:45. Students may enroll in either a 30 minute or 1 hour lesson (Depending on registration 45 minute lessons may be available). Students must register for the entire year's lesson schedule, to support continuity and musical growth. Registered students who wish to cancel their enrollment will be refunded at a prorated rate.

Monday Dates: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 1/9, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1 5/8, 5/15

Wednesday Dates: 9/14, 9/21, 10/5, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/ 16, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/8, 2/15, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24

Friday Dates: 9/16, 9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 3/3, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 4/7, 4/14, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 6/2

*** Please Note *** There are more Wednesday and Friday dates during the school year than there are Mondays. The lesson cycle is 27 lessons to offer an equal schedule regardless of day, however if you are interested in scheduling additional lessons on a Wednesday or Friday please indicate this on the registration form.

Holidays

There will be **NO music lessons** on the following school holiday dates:

Mondays: 10/10, 10/31 12/19, 12/26, 1/2, 1/16, 1/23, 2/20, 4/17, 5/22, 5/29

Wednesdays: 11/23, 12/21, 12/28, 2/22, 4/19

Fridays: 10/14, 11/11, 11/25, 12/23, 12/ 30, 2/24, 3/10, 4/21

Make Up Lessons

Students are permitted **one make up** lesson free of charge due to student cancellation. If the instructor must cancel a lesson the lesson will be make up without cost. Additional missed lessons may be rescheduled but must be paid for in addition to regular tuition.

Available Make Up Dates (a lesson may be made up on a day that is different than the regularly scheduled lesson day): 9/28, 9/30, 10/26 1/4, 1/6, 2/1, 3/22, 5/26, 5/31 *** Please note that there are no regularly scheduled lessons on these days***

Lesson Descriptions:

Guitar: Students will be introduced to the basics of guitar technique and the building blocks for learning to play songs. Lessons may include learning basic chord structures, scales, finger picking and strumming patterns, and basic music theory. Students will work towards learning simple songs of their choosing.

Voice: Students will be introduced to the basics of vocal technique and get to know their own voices. Students will learn to feel any restrictions that are inhibiting their voices, and learn to release tension and let their voice sing out with ease. Students will be able to bring songs of their choosing to sing and will have the chance to apply technique to the music that they love.

General Music: Using the Orff educational approach, students will explore musical fundamentals barred instruments (xylophones, glockenspiels, etc), unpitched percussion instruments, the piano and vocal music. Students will study rhythm, pitch, melody, and form. Students will apply this knowledge to play songs. General Music lessons may include an introduction to musical notation.

Music Theory: Music Theory lessons are available for elementary students who are interested in leaning more about the “nuts and bolts” of music, including scales, key signatures, musical notation, interval relationships.

Song Writing: Students will use music theory fundamentals to compose their own songs. Students will be introduced to the concepts of key signatures, major and minor scales, and interval relationships.

AMS private music lessons are tailored to the needs of the individual student. Activities and lesson structure will vary based on age and student ability and interests. **Students who are interested in more than one focus area may choose to study more than one subject.**

Tuition:

Lesson tuition is due on the **first lesson of every month**. Payment may be left in my mailbox in the teacher work room, left at the front desk or given to me directly. Tuition may be paid in cash or checks made payable to Cassie Kollman.

Lesson Fees

Lessons run through the school year during the 9 months of September – May (with the exception of one Friday lesson in June). Monthly lesson payments are calculated by dividing the total lesson fees for the year by 9 months. This system is easier than dealing with monthly bills of varying amounts, according to the number of lessons in the month.

Length of lesson	Weekly fee	Total Number of Lessons	Year Total	Monthly Fee
30 minutes	\$35	27	945	\$118

There will be a Spring recital for students who are interested in performing at the end of the year. Date and location TBD!

**Please contact me directly at kgkollman@gmail.com or 860- 639-1289 to schedule lessons for your child. Attached is a registration form that must be turned in to enroll.
Thank you!**