



Private Lesson Studio Policy Pamela Ambrose, cello

Welcome! I'm delighted that you will be studying with me! I believe that learning to play the cello is a wonderful process, and I hope that you will find it so. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Teaching Philosophy and Goals

Playing the 'cello is fun! Everyone has their own learning style, and I approach each student with that knowledge, so as to bring out their full potential.

Required Materials

- Music stand (for home use, does not need to be brought to lessons)
- Metronome
- Tuner
- Beginners - Suzuki book 1
- Dampit
- Your cello

Syllabus

For beginners, I start by working on how to sit with the instrument. Then progress to playing open strings, both plucking and using the bow, and then getting the left hand set up. I incorporate ear-training and note-reading into the lesson.

Student Responsibilities

- Practice! Every day, even if just a few minutes.
- Participate in recitals-I schedule one recital per semester for my students. This affords you an opportunity to practice playing in front of people.
- Bring your music to your lessons!

Recommendations for Parents:

- Renting an instrument: There are a variety of choices, but we've had good luck with Johnson String Instruments and recommend starting there
- Help your child set up a practice schedule and stick to it
- Be unconditionally enthusiastic about progress!

How to report a student absence: Please contact the WCMS main office by calling 781-721-2950 – you may leave a message at any time and the message will be date & time stamped. You may also email the school at wcms@winchestermusic.org Absences reported 24 hours in advance of the lesson time are considered an excused absence. Less than 24 hours in advance are unexcused absences.

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WCMS Make up Policy: One excused absence from private lessons per semester will be made up. A student absence must be reported to the WCMS office 24 hours in advance to be considered an excused absence. There are no make-ups for classes or ensembles missed by the student. All lessons, classes and workshops missed because of teacher absence or school closing will be made up. Make-up lessons may be given during or between semesters. Make-up lessons missed by a student for any reason will not be rescheduled or refunded.

Health and Safety: For updates about the WCMS response to COVID-19, please refer to the COVID-19 page of our website (<https://www.winchestermusic.org/covid-19-information>)