
How do I know if music lessons are worth the price?

The answer is simple: Shop around!

Not every teacher is right for every student. You want to be sure that your music teacher provides the things that are important to you, as well as the things that are important to a student's musical development.

Start by interviewing several music teachers to learn more about their:

- Education
- Goals and Expectations
- Philosophies of Music Education
- Teaching Experience
- Curriculum
- Studio Policy
- Above all, find out how they demonstrate commitment to excellence in music education.

The benefits of music are boundless. I would be honored to welcome you to my studio!

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Music Tuition

Where does it go, and how does it benefit the student?



The study of music brings a lifetime of enjoyment and fulfillment!



Congratulations!

You're signing up for music lessons, and that means that you or your child will be learning skills that will last a lifetime. As you know, studying music is much more than learning how to play an instrument. A good teacher will introduce you to composers and compositions, art history, music theory, and much more.

Because so much of what you learn happens in a playful and creative way, it's sometimes easy to forget that your teacher is a professional running a business. As with any business, there are costs involved, and your teacher has to turn a profit. That's where tuition comes in. You might be wondering...

What do I actually get for the money?

Some things are more obvious, and other things you may not even be aware of. Here's what you're paying for:

- **Time spent scheduling and preparing for your lesson.** This includes development of curriculum, lesson planning, and even trips to the music store.
- **Time spent teaching.** This includes lessons and coaching, provided in-person or via email or Skype.
- For every hour a teacher teaches, he or she usually invests at least two hours of his or her time. But there's more.
- **Your teacher's training and experience** has a great impact on the quality of education you'll receive. That's why it is so important to stay current.
- Your tuition allows your teacher to invest in **continuing education** through classes, seminars, and webinars. It also pays for trade journals and membership in professional organizations. Without these affiliations, you wouldn't be able to enter competitions, or take part in performances and festivals.
- Tuition also covers **studio expenses** such as copying and printing, computer software and hardware, musical instruments, tuning, repairs, newsletters, music books, and recordings. In order to keep down the cost for you, materials purchased by the teacher are often loaned out to students.
- It covers the cost of **recitals**, including facility rental, printing of programs, and in some cases, refreshments.
- And finally, your tuition goes toward the **expenses of running a business.** Think of property taxes, self-employment taxes, insurance, and bookkeeping. Independent music teachers have no company-sponsored healthcare plan, and no employer to contribute to life insurance and retirement.
- Remember: music may be a hobby to you, but this is how your teacher makes a living! Here's one last question you may have: