

# Music Department

## Private Music Lesson Program

### 2015-2016

#### Private Lesson and

#### Ensemble Co-requisites:

Students who are enrolled in private lessons at UNIS are expected to participate in the appropriate music ensembles, such as the string orchestra or wind ensemble. Please note, that if your child is a member of one of our instrumental ensembles, he/she is required to take private instrumental music lessons, either at UNIS or elsewhere, in order to participate in that ensemble.

Students enrolled in private voice lessons are expected to participate in the chorus classes. However, private lessons are not required in order to participate in the chorus.

Guitar and piano students in the Tutorial House must demonstrate their lesson material at an audition at the end of each semester as part of the Performing Arts course.

#### Private Lesson Availability:

**Private lessons** of either 30 or 40 minute duration are offered after the regular school day ends. In the Tutorial House only, students are allowed to schedule a lesson during a free period.

**Paired lessons** are also offered after school for pairs of students in M2-M4 for a 40 minute duration at the discretion of the teacher. The teacher will determine the appropriate pairing of students. Paired lessons are not offered by all of our teaching artists.

#### 2015-2016 Lesson Fees:

Private 40 minute lesson	\$62.00
Private 30 minute lesson	\$49.00
Paired 40 minute lesson	\$38.00
Private 60 minute	\$85.00

The United Nations International School Music Department offers private instruction on a wide range of orchestral and band instruments as well as guitar, voice, and piano. UNIS is privileged to have world-class performing artists on our teaching staff who conveniently teach private music lessons to our students right on campus. We encourage UNIS families to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to expand their children's education and talent.

#### Payment Policy:

Each semester consists of up to 15 weekly lessons, depending on the school calendar and the day of the week on which the lesson occurs. Payment is billed at the beginning of each semester for the entire calculated number of lessons, and is handled through the family's regular UNIS account. An annual registration fee of \$45.00 for each instrument is assessed upon registration in the Fall, or when a new student joins the program. In any semester where a student participates in a studio recital, one additional lesson fee is added to the tuition calculations. (This covers the cost for hiring an accompanist, additional rehearsal time and other related expenses). Lesson costs do not include instrument rental, printed music, reeds, strings, and other accessories.

#### Lesson Attendance and

#### Missed Lessons:

Private music lessons require a year-long weekly commitment. Therefore, students registered for private music lessons are required to attend every scheduled lesson. Please be very careful to consider all other extra-curricular activities when planning your lesson day and time to ensure your child's regular attendance. *Accommodations for missed lessons are at the discretion of the teacher only!* Please give as much notice as possible if your child is unable to attend a lesson. With ample warning and advanced planning, teachers may be able to facilitate an occasional rescheduling of the lesson or swap in the lesson time. *If a teacher cancels a lesson for any reason, the lesson is either rescheduled or refunded.*

#### Lesson Registration:

Please complete the [online registration form](#) located on the UNIS website, under the "Arts" link or the Parent Portal under "Resources and Forms," or in person with the Music Department Coordinator.

#### Music Department Contacts:

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#### Withdrawing from Lessons:

Should you choose to cancel private lessons during the first semester, the following refund policy applies:

- After two lessons—full refund, minus the lessons taught
- After three lessons—a half semester refund will be given
- After four lessons—no refund will be offered.

If you should decide to discontinue lessons at the end of the first semester, a written request must be received by the Music Department Coordinator no later than January 16, 2015.

