



Dear Boulder Symphony Music Academy Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We hope you are ready to begin your music adventure.

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Our Website: www.BoulderSymphony.org

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/bouldersymphony>

Instagram: [@BoulderSymphony](https://www.instagram.com/BoulderSymphony)

TELL YOUR FRIENDS:

If you are happy with your lessons with us, please tell your friends about our programs. A lot of our business comes from word of mouth and your referrals! If a referred student enrolls in lessons, we will give you a **free month's tuition!**

Parents and students, we wish you all well. Keep communication with us strong, and let us know your interests and requests. We look forward to a wonderful year!

All the Best,

Elizabeth Alvarado,
Executive Director



POLICIES

BSMA teachers and staff expect students come to lessons prepared with the following:

- Music and folder
- Instrument
- Pencil

BSMA teachers and staff appreciate when our students:

- Practice regularly (Dr. Suzuki would say “You only have to practice on the days that you eat.”)
- Reflect and share their musical experiences with their teachers
- Are positive and open-minded about new ideas and experiences

BILLING

Tuition:

| <u>Tuition</u> | | | | | | |
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| | 2024-2025 School Year | Fall 2024 | Spring 2025 | 3 Lesson Package | 5 Lesson Package | Fall and/or Spring only (2-on-1) |
| 30 min | \$165/month | \$175/month | \$175/month | \$162 | \$266 | \$250/month |
| 45 min | \$260/month | \$276/month | \$276/month | \$243 | \$399 | \$406/month |
| 60 min | \$306/month | \$324/month | \$324/month | \$324 | \$531 | \$478/month |

Entire School Year:

Tuition is paid in 10 payments which covers 32 weekly lessons and two community events. Payments are due the day of the month that you initially purchase your pass or plan. For example, if you purchase your fall semester plan and pay August tuition on



July 3, you will be billed each following month (September - May) on the 3rd. August's tuition payment is required at the time of registration.

Fall Semester:

Tuition is paid in 5 payments which covers 16 weekly lessons. Payments are due on the same day each month that you initially purchased your pass or plan (August – December).

Spring Semester:

Tuition is paid in 5 payments which covers 16 weekly lessons. Payments are due on the same day each month that you initially purchased your pass or plan (January – May).

2-on-1 Lessons:

Tuition is paid in 5 payments which covers 16 lessons. Payments are due on the same day each month that you initially purchased your pass or plan (August - December and/or January - May).

Please note: 2-on-1 lesson tuition is billed to one party. For example, if two friends wish to take lessons together, only one family will be billed. Split payments are the responsibility for participating families.

Paying Tuition: BSMA accepts tuition via most major credit/debit cards. We do not accept checks, American Express, Apple Pay, or other forms of remote payment.

Recital Fee: A \$30 recital fee will be charged to all students participating in BSMA's recitals. A recital fee will be charged for both fall and spring recitals, and it helps cover associated costs, such as space rental, video editing, and more.

Duplicate Billing: Only one party will be billed per student. Duplicate bills and split payments are the responsibility of the registering guardian.

Instrument Rentals: BSMA does not offer instrument rentals. A couple of great, local options are: HB Woodsongs, Lafayette Music, Rocky Mountain Music Repair, and Boulder Piano Gallery.

BSMA may be able to provide an instrument for a free trial lesson. Please contact musicacademy@bouldersymphony.org to inquire about this possibility.



NOTE: School/Community Productions or Events:

Please make sure that you list your lessons as a conflict when auditioning for plays and productions. Due to our high volume of students, Boulder Symphony Music Academy has very little freedom to move lessons after the times are set. Please be sure of your conflicts and be clear about your commitment to lessons (especially Fairview High School students in musical or spring Pop Show, and CenterStage Theatre Company or Art Underground participants).



2024-2025 Weekly Lesson Schedule

Fall Semester:

1. August 19 - 23
2. August 26 - 30
3. September 2 - 6

September 2: **OPTIONAL LESSONS (Labor Day)**

4. September 9 - 13
5. September 16 - 20
6. September 23 - 27
7. September 30 - October 4
8. October 7 - 11
9. October 14 - 18

October 14: **OPTIONAL LESSONS (Indigenous Peoples' Day)**

10. October 21 - 25
11. October 28 - November 1

November 2: **COMMUNITY EVENT #1 (lobby concert performance before Boulder Symphony Curiosity Concert)**

12. November 4 - 8
13. November 11 - 15
14. November 18 - 22

November 25 - 29: **NO LESSONS (Happy Thanksgiving!)**

15. December 2 - 6

December 7: **BSMA WINTER RECITAL**



16. December 9 - 13

December 16 - 20: MAKE-UP WEEK

December 23 - January 10: NO LESSONS (Winter Break)

Spring Semester:

17. January 13 - 17

18. January 20 - 24

January 20: OPTIONAL LESSONS (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

19. January 27 - 31

20. February 3 - 7

21. February 10 - 14

22. February 17 - 21

January 17: OPTIONAL LESSONS (Presidents' Day)

23. February 24 - 28

24. March 3 - 7

25. March 10 - 14

26. March 17 - 21

March 24 - 28: NO LESSONS (Spring Break)

March 30: COMMUNITY EVENT #2 (lobby performance before Boulder Symphony concert)

27. March 31 - April 4

28. April 7 - 11

29. April 14 - 18

30. April 21 - 25



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31. April 28 - May 2

May 3: BSMA SPRING RECITAL

32. May 5 - 9

May 12 - 16: MAKE-UP WEEK



CANCELLATION POLICY

We expect and look forward to a commitment from our students to attend every lesson in the time they have chosen, as this is the best way to positively progress in lessons.

In the event of any cancellation, please contact Bridget Ryan, our Director of Education and Community Outreach, so that she can notify your teacher.

If extenuating circumstances prevent you/your student from continuing lessons with your instructor for the duration of the semester that you committed to, you must provide a two-weeks notice before stopping lessons.

MAKEUP LESSONS

ADVANCED CANCELLATIONS (more than 24 hours in advance):

- Students receive **two** advance-notice make-up lessons per semester for advanced cancellations within reason. At least one of the reschedules will happen during the make-up week at the end of the semester. Please do not expect immediate make-ups.
- BSMA cannot provide additional lesson reschedules or refunds beyond the allocated two advance notice reschedules.

LATE CANCELLATIONS (less than 24 hours in advance):

- **Late cancellations and no-shows** will **NOT** be rescheduled or refunded.
- Our instructors keep their students' lesson times free in their schedules, and quite a few instructors travel from outside of Boulder. Due to this, we cannot offer make-up lessons for cancellations made on such short notice.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

BSMA generally follows BVSD when it comes to weather-related closures. However, sometimes the weather clears up by the afternoon, so please do not assume that BSMA is closed. If BSMA closes for in-person lessons, you will be notified by mid-day, and lessons will proceed as scheduled via zoom.

HEALTH:

Our school has many students coming in and out on a daily basis. We try very hard to keep illness down. If a student becomes ill the day-of their lesson, BSMA may be able to reschedule the lesson, so long as we are informed of their health status in the



morning. As some of BSMA's instructors travel from outside of Boulder, BSMA will not be able to reschedule the lesson if only given a few hours' notice.

TEACHER CANCELLATIONS:

We are committed to teaching weekly lessons to all registered students at their regularly scheduled times. In the case of a teacher cancellation due to illness or conflict, a substitute will be provided, or the teacher will reschedule the lesson up to twice per semester.

PIKE13

BSMA uses Pike13 as an online scheduling and tuition platform. If you prefer a mobile version, you can download the Pike13 app. Use the same email address and password to log into Pike13 that you use when accessing your BSMA account via desktop. The Pike13 app should automatically connect to your BSMA account when you log in.

The url link for BSMA's scheduling and tuition platform is:

<https://bouldersymphonymusicacademy.pike13.com>.

SCHEDULING

PRIVATE LESSON SCHEDULING:

Boulder Symphony Music Academy runs in three terms: Fall, Spring, and Summer. Scheduling is done each school year via Pike13, on a first-come, first-served basis. You will be notified with a reminder before the date that registration opens.

If you register for the entire school year when fall registration opens, please know that we try our best to guarantee your time slot for the entire school year. However, as some of our instructors are in the process of receiving various degrees and have shifting schedules from semester to semester, this is not always possible. We will work with you if your instructor's availability shifts from fall to spring, and we appreciate your understanding.

2-ON-1 LESSON SCHEDULING:

2-on-1 lessons can be a great option for parents who wish to take lessons with their child or if two friends wish to take lessons together. This is only available for students who take lessons of the same instrument. BSMA discourages children of vastly different



ages (i.e. a 6 year old and a 15 year old) from taking lessons together, as they are at different places developmentally.

Only one student can register for 2-on-1 lessons through our online scheduling software. Please contact the Academy to enroll the second student.

SUMMER LESSONS:

We teach throughout the summer and ask students to take at least three lessons throughout the summer. Summer lessons are billed per lesson, rather than using a monthly tuition rate. Summer lessons secure students' spot for the fall semester with their instructor and help maintain skills.

We ask students to schedule summer lessons due to the attrition rate often seen in summer, loss of skills, and the inability to schedule the large volume of new summer students interested in fall study with their summer teacher.

RECITALS

We welcome students to share their progress and talent through academy-wide recitals. This is a no-pressure way to hone performance and concert skills, while making friends and supporting fellow students. For those students who need community service points, this is a great opportunity to fulfill those, as well. Recitals take place at both the end of fall and spring semester, and the dates are included above.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

In addition to our recitals, we encourage students to participate in BSMA community events. We offer one community event per semester that is free and open to all students. Examples of BSMA's community events include: lobby performances before Boulder Symphony concerts, performing on the Pearl Street Mall, informal recitals at assisted living facilities / retirement communities, and more.