

Lakewood Suzuki Strings Enrollment Forms

Welcome to Lakewood Suzuki Strings! Included in this packet are LSS enrollment forms that each family must complete in addition to registering for the program through the Lakewood Recreation Department. Please sign these forms and return them to lakewoodsuzukistrings@gmail.com upon registration.

Lakewood Suzuki Strings Student/Parent Contract

Instrument, Materials, and Daily Practice

The student will provide their own instrument for practice and performance. The student will obtain sheet music and equipment at the Teacher's recommendation. Lakewood Suzuki Strings, referred to as LSS hereinafter in this contract, is not responsible for providing materials such as instruments, music, subscriptions, or video platforms.

Daily practice is expected of all students. Progress is made by practice both inside and outside the studio and LSS classes are not designed to be a student's only playing time each week. Daily practice must be with a practice partner which can be a parent or any other guardian if the child is under 12 years of age.

Instrument rentals and/or purchases must be approved by a teacher. For more information about rentals or purchases, please view the LSS Handbook.

Attendance, Cancellations, & Changing Lesson Times

Consistent attendance for weekly group classes, weekly private lessons, monthly parent classes and semesterly performances is required for participation in Lakewood Suzuki Strings. **There are no refunds for any missed LSS classes or events, such as private lessons, group classes, parent classes, or performances.**

A parent or guardian must attend LSS activities if the student is under the age of 12 years old. The teacher must be consulted before any student is allowed to attend LSS programs without a parent or guardian present.

Lessons

Weekly private lesson times are set up directly between the student/parent and the private teacher, and are reserved for the entire semester.

Lessons missed or canceled by the student/family due to any circumstance will not be made up. In the event of mild illness, families may contact their teacher to request an online lesson.

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Online Lessons

In the event that a lesson must occur online, each student should have either Zoom or their teacher's preferred video platform and a strong internet connection. Just like in-person lessons, the parent will take notes and be an active listener and participant when the teacher asks. Students should have their instrument tuned and music ready before the online lesson begins.

The video frame must be at eye-level for the student standing up and it must have in the video frame the following: above the waist, both elbows, and top of head, all in playing position. Students should let their parent handle their device, rather than messing with the computer screen or device they are streaming from.

Parent and Group Class

In the event of an absence from group class or parent class, families must notify their group class teacher.

Teacher Cancellations

In the event that an LSS teacher cancels a private lesson, they will either provide a substitute or offer a make-up lesson at a mutually convenient time. The make-up lesson may be online or in person.

Snow Days and Emergency School Closings

Group classes and parent classes take place at Lakewood High School, which means that class cancellations due to weather or other emergencies are determined by the Lakewood City Schools (LCS). Lakewood Suzuki Strings does not offer make-up classes for dates closed due to weather or emergency. Lakewood Suzuki Strings is committed to remaining open whenever possible.

- LCS Snow Day/Emergency Closing: All group classes canceled. **Private lessons move to online.**
- LCS Late Start: All group and private classes proceed as scheduled.

Lakewood Suzuki Strings will send email notifications for any class cancellations due to weather or emergency.

Changing Lesson Times

If a family wishes to change their weekly lesson time, they must notify the teacher a full month prior to be considered. As lesson times are set for the entire semester, it is not promised that a student's lesson can be moved after the first week of each semester.

Withdrawal

If a family wishes to withdraw from the program they should notify LSS two weeks prior. No payments will be reimbursed or refunded in the case of a withdrawal during the program's duration. Please see the Lakewood Recreation Department registration for more information on withdrawal from LSS programs.

Private Lesson & Group Class Etiquette

Students should come prepared for lessons. Prepared means arriving 5 minutes early and coming to lessons physically and mentally rested, with an attitude to learn, and having practiced during the week.

When observing lessons, parents are asked to please remain quiet and respectful. The teacher may ask parents to chime in and participate with their child, though for the most part the parent's role will be to take notes for home practice. LSS also encourages parents to video and photograph during lessons, so that they can use these recordings for reference during home practice.

In group class, students should arrive 5-10 minutes early to prepare their instruments and get tuned. Students are expected to behave appropriately; this includes no interrupting, disrupting class by talking to peers, or acting out in an inappropriate manner. If behavior problems occur, the teacher leading the class will have a discussion about student behavior with the parent or guardian.

Performance Etiquette

Attendance and participation in LSS performances is required of all students. Performances will include solo recitals, book recitals, community concerts, group performances and any other performance opportunity with LSS.

Solo Recitals

LSS hosts two solo recitals each calendar year - one in the spring semester and one in fall semester. Students will perform a piece from their Suzuki book at each recital. Students are expected to sit in the audience when not performing, to cheer on their peers. Families should also expect to stay for the entire recital. Families may take photos and videos of their child, though flash photography is not permitted and phones must be on silent.

Group Performances / Community Performances

LSS group classes perform at Lakewood community events throughout the year. Etiquette varies for each community performance. Please refer to handouts from LSS for specific performance expectations.

Book Recitals

When a student completes a full Suzuki book, they get the opportunity to perform a graduation recital consisting of all their book's pieces.

Recital Attire

Attire varies for each performance.

Spring solo recital: Formal performance attire (dresses/skirts, dress pants, etc)

Fall solo recital: Halloween costumes OR formal performance attire

Community & group performances: Lakewood Suzuki Strings t-shirts & black pants or skirt

Book recitals: Formal performance attire

Semesterly Tuition

Tuition rates (listed below) are for one semester only. Each semester has sixteen weeks of activities and includes weekly 30-minute lessons, group classes, parent classes, and performances. A full semester schedule will be provided to each enrolled family. **Semesterly tuition is paid through the Lakewood Recreation Department.**

1. New Students: **\$985**
For complete beginners; tuition includes the beginners kit of a foam/box violin, shoulder sponge, pretend bow, and footchart. Lesson are 30 minutes at this level.
2. Continuing Students: **\$960**
For students who have their own violin and have been playing for more than 6 months. This level includes 30-minute private lessons. *For students who are ready for 45-minute lessons, an additional charge may be added.*
3. Supplemental Package*: **\$370**
*The Supplemental Package includes group classes, parent classes, and performances and is only for current students of Mrs. Clara or Ms. Micaela who are already enrolled in private lessons. **Families enrolling in the supplemental package must have pre-approval from either Mrs. Engen and Ms. Murphy. Please note that all students are required to be in private lessons with either Mrs. Engen or Ms. Murphy in order to participate in LSS activities.**

Late sign-ups are allowed up to two weeks into the start of each semester at the full semester tuition rate. Please note that tuition prices are subject to change. LSS also offers a shortened summer semester, the tuition for which will be different from the academic year.

Special Enrollment Periods - Introductory Packages

Lakewood Suzuki Strings offers two introductory packages for families who wish to enroll with LSS mid-semester. These packages serve as a pathway to full participation in the LSS program by the next enrollment period. **Please ask if your child qualifies for either of these introductory packages by emailing lakewoodsuzukistrings@gmail.com.**

1. **Headstart Package: \$185 for 1 month, or \$345 for 2 months**
The Headstart Package is for families of beginning students who wish to start lessons between enrollment periods. The Beginner Headstart Package includes a maximum of 2 months of 30-minute private lessons only (no group, parent class, or recitals).
2. **Transfer Student Package: \$220 per month, paid in full for total number of months**
The Transfer Student Package is for families of students who have some playing experience and wish to join the LSS program at the continuing student level. Students who have not had private lessons before or don't have experience in the Suzuki Method should enroll in transfer package lessons. The Transfer Package includes up to a full semester of 45-minute lessons only (no group, parent class, or recitals).

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Please note that LSS does not offer lesson-only introductory packages for more than one semester. **Headstart Package and Transfer families must enroll in the full LSS program for the next enrollment period in order to continue lessons with an LSS teacher after their introductory package has ended.**

Families who enroll in an introductory lesson package are expected to abide by all policies regarding private lessons in this contract.

Tuition for the introductory packages can be paid via PayPal to lakewoodsuzukistrings@gmail.com.

Please note that tuition prices are subject to change.

LSS Contract Signature

I, _____ (print Parent's/guardian's name), have read and consent to the contents of this contract and agree to all its terms and conditions with being a willing and active participant in the Lakewood Suzuki Strings for _____ (print student's name). I understand that payment of the amount is to submit thereby to all of its terms and conditions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date signed: ____/____/____

Liability Waiver

PURPOSE: This document is provided in place of and to accommodate me, the parent/legal guardian of my Child and to replace individual authorization for each LSS-sponsored activity. LSS-sponsored activities include but are not limited to private lessons, group classes, parent classes and performances.

I state that my child is a student in the Lakewood Suzuki Strings program, housed in locations including Lakewood High School, an Ohio public school located at 14100 Franklin Blvd, Lakewood OH 44107, Mrs. Clara Engen's Private Studio at 1257 Warren Road, Lakewood OH 44107, and Ms. Micaela Murphy's Private Studio at 1259 Donald Ave, Lakewood OH 44107, and that in consideration of the Agreement by LSS to permit my Child to participate in any and all LSS-sponsored activities, so state that:

1. I am aware of the nature of LSS-sponsored activities and understand there are risks/dangers attendant to my Child's participation;
2. I hereby agree to permit my Child to participate in any and all such LSS-sponsored activities unless I advise LSS in writing beforehand that I revoke my permission for a particular activity or activities;
3. I warrant that I maintain accident and health insurance coverage for my Child that will cover my Child while he or she is attending LSS and while he or she is participating in any such LSS-sponsored activities;
4. In the event of a medical emergency, and after reasonable attempts have been unsuccessful to reach me, I hereby give permission for the representative of the LSS program to arrange for/and/or authorize emergency medical treatment for my Child.
5. I agree to release, indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless LSS and their respective teachers, administrators, trustees, directors, supervisors, agents, employees, faculty members, and all private persons or organizations volunteering services without charge (each, a "Protected Party") to supervise or chaperone my Child while participating in the LSS-sponsored activities, from any claim or liability of whatsoever kind or nature, including but not limited to personal injury, including dismemberment and/or loss of life, or loss of any kind and/or property damage, court costs, attorneys' fees and interest, as a result of my Child's participation in the LSS-sponsored activities. I do not agree, however, to such release in the case of willful or intentional inappropriate actions or inactions by employees of LSS. Further, I hereby agree that no Protected Party shall be liable for any special, indirect or consequential damages to any party howsoever arising regardless of any negligence, including any damages that such Protected Party reasonably contemplated or should have anticipated;
6. I understand that LSS instructors may apply physical contact to the student for the purpose of making any technical correction that is appropriate for instruction according to accepted artistic practices;
7. I agree that LSS and their teachers, administrators, trustees, directors, supervisors, agents, employees, faculty members, and all private persons or organizations volunteering services without charge may terminate my Child's participation in any LSS-sponsored activities if I or my Child fail to behave or act in accordance with LSS's rules and/or regulations on conduct as set forth in the LSS Contract, LSS Handbook, and any other policy of LSS, fails to follow the instructions and/or directions of teachers, faculty, administrators, trustees, supervisors, agents,

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employees and all private persons or organizations volunteering services, or evidence conduct deemed to be detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, comfort or welfare of those participating in the LSS-sponsored activities including students, LSS representatives and supervisors as determined by the representative of LSS in charge of the LSS-sponsored activity;

8. I acknowledge that my Child will be required to bring his or her own instrument to LSS. I further acknowledge that either I or my Child is responsible for transporting his or her instrument to LSS activities, at my/their own expense and risk of loss. I represent and warrant that I maintain an insurance policy that covers any damage to the instrument or theft of the instrument, and such insurance policy will remain in effect throughout the time my Child attends LSS. Without limiting the foregoing, I acknowledge and agree that neither LSS nor its respective directors, employees, faculty or supervisors shall be liable for any damage to or theft of my Child's instrument.

Liability Waiver Signature

I, _____ (print parent's/guardian's name), have read and consent to the contents of this liability waiver and agree to all its terms and conditions with being a willing and active participant in the Lakewood Suzuki Strings for _____ (print student's name). I understand that payment of the tuition amount is to submit thereby to all of its terms and conditions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date signed: ____/____/____

Media Release

By participating in Lakewood Suzuki Strings and signing the media release, you are agreeing to provide the exclusive ownership and right to use any photograph, video, recording or other media taken or recorded by any faculty or representative of Lakewood Suzuki Strings. Neither the student nor the parent will have the right to pre-approve any such use or receive royalties or other payments in exchange for such use. The student and parent waive any claim or right of ownership with respect to such media, including, without limitation, a claim of copyright infringement, the misappropriation of the student's name and/or likeness, or any other similar claim relating to the use or ownership of such media.

By signing my name below I hereby give permission for images, video, and any form of media for my child, captured during any activity through video, photo and digital camera, to be used for the purposes of the Lakewood Suzuki Strings program and the representatives of the program such as the instructors, for promotional material and publications, and waive any rights of compensation or ownership thereto.

Media Release Signature

I, _____ (print parent's/guardian's name), have read and consent to the contents of this media release and agree to all its terms and conditions with being a willing and active participant in the Lakewood Suzuki Strings for _____ (print student's name). I understand that payment of the tuition amount is to submit thereby to all of its terms and conditions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date signed: ____/____/____