2016-2017 Private Lesson Policies

Our Basic Expectations:

1) Families and Students should confirm a lesson time and length with their instructors before registering for lessons for the spring and fall semesters. If you are a new student, please contact CMA Director Ben Thomason to discuss your instructional needs and desires, scheduling, and teacher placement. You will then be referred to an instructor to arrange your lessons.

2) The student will attend all 12 weeks’ worth of lessons in the spring and fall semesters according to the publicized CMA Calendar (found at www.tlucma.org). The necessity of parental attendance at lessons will be discussed with each student’s individual instructor.

3) The student will perform in the CMA Solo Recital for every semester they are registered for lessons. Occasional, optional public performance opportunities may arise, and we hope students will be willing to share the music they’ve learned with the community!

4) If a student must miss a lesson for any reason, whether a makeup lesson is warranted or not, please inform the instructor by phone or email at least 24 hours in advance, or as soon as possible in emergency situations.

Instructors will schedule makeup lessons for the following reasons:

1) Cancellation by instructor
2) Death/Marriage of a relative
3) Illness with a doctor’s note, or one day-of-lesson illness per semester
4) School-sponsored event that requires the student’s attendance (with at least 24-hour advance notice to instructor)
5) Day-of-lesson extreme weather events preventing safe travel to lesson

Instructors will not schedule makeup lessons for any of the following reasons:

1) Missed/canceled makeup lessons, for any reason
2) Second, third, etc. day-of-lesson illness per semester
3) Sports practices/events, Vacations, Birthday Parties, etc.
4) Vehicle trouble or unexpected lack of transportation to lesson

These policies are intended to protect the investment of time and finances that families and teachers both make in order to attend private lessons. If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above policies, please contact CMA Director Ben Thomason: (830) 372-6448 and bthomason@tlu.edu