

# Suzuki Strings Handbook

**Suzuki Strings Program** (cello, viola, and violin) for ages 4 and older

## **Prezuki – Early Childhood Music**

“Prezuki” is an early childhood music class that gives families a glimpse into the Suzuki Method: early start, parental involvement, group experiences, mastery through repetition, positive reinforcement, experience with instruments, and introduction to Suzuki repertoire. Prezuki is designed for 2 and 3-year-old musicians with a parent. Students turning 4 during the school year may continue with this class. Class repertoire varies each semester and continuing students can improve skills and deepen their understanding of the concepts learned.

Prezuki Schedule and Tuition – Prezuki classes meet weekly on Thursdays during the fall and spring semesters. Classes are offered at various times to accommodate family schedules.

Tuition - \$75/semester. No refunds are given for withdrawal from Prezuki. One time family registration fee of \$35 is due with registration/payment.

For more information, click here: [Prezuki/Early Childhood Music](#)

## **Suzuki Method (age 4 and older)**

### [Why Suzuki?](#)

AOM Suzuki Strings program families participate in weekly private lessons (teacher/parents/child), daily home listening and practice (parent/child), weekly group classes (teacher, students at similar level, parents), regular performances, and extracurricular opportunities.

Instrumental study is “hard fun.” Our program offers a unique community in which the child, parent, and family are offered a strong foundation for musical success and growth.

## **Suzuki Registration**

Observation is required before registration. Click here to set up an observation: [Suzuki registration](#)

Scheduling Private Lessons – After completing required observations you will be referred to a private teacher by the Suzuki Strings Program Coordinator. Private lessons are scheduled with your teacher.

Group Classes – Group class assignments and recital schedule is available at the beginning of the year. Most group classes meet on Thursdays, with some of our advanced ensembles meeting on alternate days.

Lesson Agreement Form – After lessons have been scheduled with your private teacher, the registrar will send a link to your Lesson Agreement Form. This is your contract with AOM concerning what you are expected to pay. After completing this form, you will be asked to pay a one-time registration fee of \$35.00/family.

Your teacher will submit the length, and location of your lessons to the AOM office. This will generate your invoice.

Suzuki Tuition – Annual tuition will include the following, to take place from September through mid-June:

STAHR membership (new this year – no separate payment for AOM families)

34 private lessons

24 group classes

Book Graduations

Play-Ins

Group Class Dress Rehearsals

Group Class Concerts

Studio Recitals

Opportunities and other special events (to include Virginia Children’s Festival, Advanced Ensemble Recital, Bach Festival, Twinkle Recital and others)

\*The STAHR membership provides members a discounted registration fee for the STAHR workshop.

Two equal invoices will be sent in September and January. You may set up a Payment Plan for as many as 10 or as few as 2 payments for your yearly tuition. If you want a 10-payment plan, you must set it up before the end of September. Payment plans that begin in October will have a maximum of 4 monthly payments for Fall. We will automatically duplicate your Fall plan for Spring, unless you notify us by the end of January.

The tuition rates for 2018-19 are:

30 minute lessons:	\$1,300, or \$650.00 per semester
45 minute lessons:	\$1,770 or \$885.00 per semester
60 minute lessons:	\$2,240 or \$1,120.00 per semester
Prezuki:	\$75.00 per 12 week session
Registration fee for new families:	\$35, one time covers the whole family
Sibling discounts:	\$25.00

## **Policies**

Attendance and Missed Lessons – Your teacher will provide you with the attendance policy for his or her studio. Cancellations due to illness, family emergency, or inclement weather may be made up at the discretion of the teacher. Please do not expect make-up lessons for other reasons. Lessons cancelled by the instructor will be made up in a mutually agreeable manner.

Withdrawals and Refunds – Your agreement with your teacher and AOM reserves your lesson and group class space. Except for serious illness/unexpected move/military orders you will be expected to complete the semester and year of lessons as agreed.

Payment – You can make payment in full by mailing a check, or calling the office with a credit/debit card, or by visiting our website [here](#). If you'd like to set up a payment plan, you can call the office at 757-627-0967.

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