

TUITION AND BILLING

Monthly Billing

Individual Lessons, Band/Jam Sessions/Beat Farm/Kids n Keys/ Studio B

Monthly billing is calculated based on the number of lessons in the month. The number of lessons in the month may vary depending on the day of the week the lesson occurs. The Tucker Academy For The Arts (Hereby referred to as TAFTA) does not bill for official TAFTA holidays* when the centers are closed. There can be three, four, or five regularly scheduled lessons in a month. Payment must be made by the 1st of each month to cover all regularly scheduled lessons in a month. Payment must be made by the 1st of the month to cover all regularly scheduled lessons for that month and to reserve your day, time, and instructor. Payment may be made via cash, check, or credit card. A student enrolling after the start of the month will be billed on a prorated basis. The total will be calculated based on the number of lessons remaining in a month.

Parents paying via credit card will be automatically set up for recurring credit card charge for each successive months lessons. Parents will be sent an email reminder on the 16th of the month that their credit card will be charged on the 1st day of the upcoming month. Parents must notify TAFTA by the 25th of the month if they do not want to continue instruction in the next month. Notification may be made either by completing a Discontinuing Enrollment Form at TAFTA, sending written notification (email is acceptable) to TAFTA or calling TAFTA. If any parent has not so notified TAFTA by the 25th of the month, the credit card will automatically be charged on the 1st of the month for that month's regularly scheduled lessons. The amount charged may vary from month to month, depending on the number of lessons scheduled in the month

Fixed Duration

Students who have enrolled for a fixed duration workshop/class must pay in full prior to the start of instruction. Payment may be made via cash, check, or credit card.

PERMISSION AND WAIVERS

Use of Personal Information

The information parents provide will be used for internal purposes only and will never be shared with third parties. However, if a child is enrolled in a band or other ensemble class, parent contact information (name, phone number, email address) may be shared with parents of students enrolled in the *same* ensemble in order to facilitate scheduling. Parents may opt out of this limited information sharing by submitting a request in writing (email is acceptable) to TAFTA.

Photographs, Audio & Video Recordings, and Promotional Materials

Please note that TAFTA may from time to time photograph or make audio or video recordings of students for the purposes of advertising, promoting and increasing awareness of TAFTA. By signing this document, parents hereby give their permission to TAFTA to photograph and make such audio and video recordings of the student(s) playing these pieces, and using such audio and video recordings for the purpose of advertising, promoting and increasing awareness of TAFTA.

Creation of Musical Work

During the course of individual and/or group lessons and/or band/jam sessions, the instructor may in collaboration with the student(s) create an original piece of music. The copyright in this original piece of music shall belong jointly to both TAFTA and the student(s). Parents hereby acknowledge that TAFTA has the right to exercise all rights as a copyright owner in these pieces. By signing this document, parents hereby give their permission for TAFTA to make audio and video recording of their student(s) playing these pieces, and using audio and video recordings of their student(s) playing these pieces, and using such audio and video recordings for the purpose of advertising, promoting and increasing awareness of TAFTA.

Leaving Child on Premises/Personal Injury

TAFTA shall not be liable for any accident, injury, loss, theft, or damage which may be sustained by a parent or student on the TAFTA premises. Children under the age of 12 who are being picked up and dropped off for TAFTA programs or events are to be escorted to and from the reception desk at the site and/or to a TAFTA staff member. TAFTA is not responsible for musical instruments or any personal belongings left on the premises.

Off Campus Events

Occasionally TAFTA holds functions such as band performances offsite. It is the responsibility of the parent to provide transportation to such events, unless otherwise notified. Students at offsite events must be accompanied by an adult at all times. TAFTA is not liable for any personal injury, or property damage arising as a result of child's participation in an off-site activity

*Please refer to thetuckeracademy.org calendar section for official holidays

ATTENDANCE & CANCELLATION POLICIES

Cancellations and Make-Up Classes

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

Students enrolled in individual lessons are permitted one excused absence and make-up lesson per month. For a missed lesson to be “excused” the student/parent must notify the school in writing (email is permissible) by the close of business day before the scheduled lesson. Make-up lessons must be scheduled within 30 days of the original lesson date. TAFTA cannot guarantee that make-up lessons will be taught by the student’s regular instructor. There will be no refunds or make-ups for absences without proper notification.

BAND/JAM SESSIONS/ENSEMBLES

There will be no make-up of band/jam sessions missed by individual students. Absences from band sessions after the balance of the group make rehearsals difficult for those students who are in attendance. Students are asked to recognize that they have an obligation to their fellow band members and should make every effort to attend all scheduled sessions. If at least three students are present for a band session, it will proceed as scheduled. If fewer than three students are available for a band session, it will be cancelled.

GROUP CLASSES, BEAT FARM CLASSES

No make up classes or refunds will be given. If TAFTA has to cancel a class prior to the first day of instruction, a full refund will be given.

ROCK TOWN CLASSES

Parents may make up a missed Rock Town class by taking their child to another regularly scheduled class session on a different time/day during the course of the semester (space permitting). No other make-up or refunds are available. If TAFTA has to cancel a class for the semester prior to the first day of instruction, a full refund will be given.

TAFTA STUDIOS/RECORDING ARTS

Students enrolled in TAFTA Studios classes are permitted one excused absence and make-up lesson. For a missed class to be “excused” the student/parent must notify the school in writing (e-mail is permissible) by the close of business the day before scheduled class. Make-up class must be scheduled within 30 days of the original class date. TAFTA cannot guarantee that makeup class will be taught by the student’s regular instructor. There will be no refunds or make-ups for absences without proper notification. There will be no make-up session for students enrolled in TAFTA Studios workshops. If TAFTA has to cancel a workshop prior to the first day of instruction, a full refund will be given.

TAFTA CAMPS

There will be no make-up sessions for students enrolled in TAFTA Camps. If TAFTA has to cancel a camp prior to the first day of instruction, a full refund will be given.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

Students are considered registered for the duration of their programs until TAFTA receives a written request to withdraw. Prorated tuition refunds for Rock City and group classes will only be made if a student withdraws with at least 50% of the regularly scheduled sessions remaining. No refunds will be made for TAFTA Camps, TAFTA Studios workshops or other classes that are less than 4 hours in duration.

Teacher Attendance

TAFTA prides itself in recruiting accomplished musicians who perform professionally. While this allows us to assure a highly talented faculty, *occasionally* teachers may be absent due to their performance schedules or for other reasons. If this occurs, TAFTA will arrange for a substitute teacher and the student's instruction will continue as scheduled.

FACILITY POLICIES

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, TAFTA will make closing decisions twice daily. TAFTA will post a message at thetuckeracademy.org and 561-404-0464 by 9a.m. for all lessons, classes or events starting before 1 p.m. that day, and by 12 p.m. for all lessons, classes or events starting at or after 1 p.m. that day. Please be sure to check for the weather message as conditions may permit a site to be open in the morning and closed in the afternoon, or vice versa. In the event TAFTA closes make-up lessons must be scheduled within 30 days of the original lesson date. TAFTA cannot guarantee that make-up lessons will be taught by the student's regular instructor.

Student Conduct

Students are expected to exhibit responsible behavior while on TAFTA premises and when participating in or attending TAFTA sponsored functions held offsite. Any disruptive behavior or horseplay resulting in damage to the facility and/or equipment is the financial responsibility of the student and parent.

TAFTA reserves the right to discontinue instruction to any student who does not adhere to school policies or whose behavior is determined by the faculty/staff to be inappropriate or disruptive. In such cases, the student is still responsible for all tuition and fees due and no refund will be provided.

Ear Plugs

The US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) states that hearing protection should be worn by those exposed to sound levels exceeding 85dBa for periods of 8 hours or more (85dBa is roughly equivalent to the sound of heavy traffic). In order to minimize the risk of hearing loss, students may wish to use

earplugs, both inside the studio and during concerts. Ear plugs are available from the TAFTA staff or can be supplied by the student.