

# **Guitar Lessons**

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## **Learning philosophy**

I strongly believe that music education is a powerful way to bring people together, build self-confidence, stay mentally and physically healthy, and have fun. I am hopeful you will join my studio with an open mind and a willingness to learn. Taking lessons can be very rewarding, but it can also sometimes be difficult. It's my job to support you, and I'll do that with individualized lesson plans, flexible teaching methods, and an open door policy to discuss what is, or isn't, working for you. Learning guitar (or any other instrument) works best when you have the perseverance to push through challenges but also know when to ask for help.

Continuing my musical education is a big part of being a good teacher. If there is something you would like to learn more about, but it's outside of my teaching capabilities, let's talk about it! I will do my best to connect you with the resources to meet your goals, even if that means I'll need to do some extra research outside of our lessons.

Finally, I believe that financial circumstances should not be the reason anyone chooses to forgo their musical education. I've chosen to address this by offering sliding scale lesson rates for those who ask. In other words: if you can't afford a lesson from me, get in touch. Additionally, if you are willing and able to pay a higher rate to fund lessons for a low-income student, please also get in touch: this helps to make musical education accessible for all who want it.

## **Rates**

Lessons are either 30 minutes (\$30) or a full hour (\$60). As described above, I also offer sliding scale rates, which are available on request. These rates are for those who either cannot afford the listed price or would like to supplement lessons for a low-income student by paying more.

Preferred payment method is via Venmo. My name on Venmo is @Lizzy-Stant . If you prefer to pay over paypal, my link is [paypal.me/lizzystant](https://www.paypal.me/lizzystant) .

## **Attendance**

Please arrive at all lessons (even those on Zoom) on time. I will end lessons at the scheduled time even if you come late. If you will be late or are unable to make your lesson, please let me know at least 24 hours in advance. If you don't notify me before our lesson that you can't attend, the first missed lesson is on me. After that, you'll be responsible for paying for lessons that we have scheduled and you have missed without warning.

## **Lessons**

Please bring your guitar, Capo, and pick to each lesson. Please have your guitar tuned in advance. (For beginner students, if this does not make sense, we will discuss in the first lesson).

If we're meeting via a Zoom session, please position your camera so I can see the full length of your guitar (body and neck). I will usually provide exercises on the screen during Zoom lessons, but if you prefer to have them printed out in front of you, please let me know and I will send the exercises ahead of time.

I will provide PDFs of exercises and songs after the lesson via email, as well as a short lesson summary for your records when necessary. Please also come to lessons with a notebook and pencil to take notes from each lesson and write down chord diagrams when needed.

### **Studio Recital**

Students are invited to perform in occasional studio recitals! The next recital is TBD. Guests may be invited and are strongly encouraged to attend. Performance in the recital is not mandatory, but it's a great way to show off your new skills.

**And lastly, have fun! After a few months, you'll be performing, writing songs, and maybe even being the life of the party.**