

NJHSA Fine Arts Academy Financial Policy

We are incredibly grateful for your interest in the NJHSA Fine Arts Academy. Please review this financial policy carefully. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at artsacademytreasurer@njhsa.net.

Teaching Philosophy

Glorifying God Through the Arts

The arts are an important part of the Christian life, giving us meaningful ways to express our faith, worship God, and use the gifts He has given us. Through the arts, students are encouraged to grow in both skill and faith while discovering the joy of serving and glorifying God.

The Arts Are Deeply Personal

As quickly as possible, we want to discover what inspires and motivates each student and help them enter a meaningful creative space.

Learning the Arts Is an Emotional Process

Performance anxiety, procrastination, frustration, and discouragement are all normal parts of the learning process. We believe in acknowledging these challenges openly and helping students develop the tools and confidence to work through them.

Teachers Are Natural Mentors

Regardless of a student's age, teachers have the opportunity to make a lasting impact. We strive to cultivate virtues such as perseverance, integrity, responsibility, confidence, and discipline that extend well beyond the practice room.

Lessons Are for Learning How to Practice

Most of a student's time developing artistic skills will be spent practicing independently. Lessons should therefore help students learn ****how**** to practice effectively, build productive habits, and take increasing ownership of their growth.

It Is Never Too Late to Learn!

The arts are a lifelong journey, and there is always an opportunity to begin, grow, and discover something new.

Expectations

What Can You Expect From the NJHSA Fine Arts Academy?

- Tailored instruction designed to help students enjoy the arts, strengthen overall musicianship, develop technical mastery, and cultivate virtues such as perseverance, integrity, and responsibility.
- Reasonable costs and clear, transparent financial policies.
- Sharing of helpful resources, including recommended apps, websites, and other learning tools.

What Do We Expect From Our Members?

- *Consistent practice:* Students are encouraged to practice 4–6 days per week, with a minimum of 10 minutes per practice session for beginners.
- *Preparation:* Students are expected to complete assigned lesson work and arrive prepared for each lesson.
- *Timeliness and focus:* Students should arrive on time and remain focused throughout their lesson. Cell phones and other distractions should be put away during instruction.
- *Communication:* We value honest feedback and open, respectful communication between students, families, and instructors.

Attendance

There are no refunds or credits for missed or canceled lessons. If a student must miss a lesson, it is at the instructor's discretion whether a make-up lesson can be scheduled. Make-up lessons are not guaranteed.

Tuition and Payments

Full monthly tuition is due and payable on the 1st day of each month. Tuition rates are based on the official fee schedule posted on the NJHSA Fine Arts Academy website.

Tuition covers not only instructional time but also the administrative work, lesson planning, preparation, and other responsibilities associated with providing instruction. Tuition and fees are non-refundable.

Late Fees

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. A \$15 late fee will be applied to any payment received after the 5th of the month.

Unpaid Balances

Members with unpaid balances exceeding 90 days may have their Academy membership and/or lessons suspended until the account is brought current.

Discontinuing Membership

Membership may be canceled at any time. To avoid being charged for the next scheduled payment, termination requests must be submitted to artsacademytreasurer@njhsa.net at least two weeks prior to your scheduled draft date.

Students are not required to attend lessons during the two-week notice period; however, the family remains responsible for tuition during that period. All tuition and fees are non-refundable.

Termination of Lessons by the Academy

The NJHSA Fine Arts Academy or an instructor may discontinue lessons when necessary. Reasons may include, but are not limited to:

- Lack of consistent practice or preparation
- Frequent or excessive absences
- Behavioral concerns or failure to maintain a respectful learning environment
- Delinquent tuition or other unpaid fees
- Failure to comply with Academy policies and expectations

Whenever possible, the Academy will provide two weeks' notice before terminating lessons. Any outstanding tuition or fees remain the responsibility of the family and are non-refundable.

Our Commitment

We are committed to creating an encouraging, respectful, and financially responsible environment where students can grow in their artistic abilities while developing character, confidence, discipline, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts.