



The School of Future Arts

Student Handbook

August 5, 2022

1. Tuition

- a. Tuition for all lessons in each calendar month must be paid in advance before the first lesson of the month. No lessons will be given before payment is made. This means that students should be prepared to pay for February's lessons at the last lesson in January, etc., but in the case of an unexcused absence, tuition can be neither credited to a future lesson nor refunded, nor can the lesson be rescheduled.
- b. Payments can be made by cash, check, or card. Card payments will have a 5% processing fee. All checks must be made out to Justin Freeman.
- c. Tuition can only be credited to a future lesson or a rescheduled lesson (if time for a reschedule is available), in the case of an excused absence.

2. Attendance

- a. In general, students are expected to be present and on time for all lessons. If a student is more than ten minutes late for a lesson without having given notice, the lesson will be counted as an unexcused absence.
- b. An unexcused absence is any absence which is not excused. Absences are excused if:
 - i. the absence is caused by the unexpected illness or medical event of the student or anyone living with the student and notice is given at least an hour before the lesson is scheduled to begin, or
 - ii. there is inclement weather such that there is a reasonable belief that travel to the school would be dangerous. During inclement weather events, it is

likely that we will have more difficulty getting to the school than you will, and it is also likely that we will lose phone and internet access. If you believe weather is bad enough to close the school and you cannot get in touch with us to find out, it is safe to assume the school is closed. Or,

- iii. there is some other emergency, or
- iv. The student takes a voluntary absence (for vacation, church or school activities, etc.) and gives a full week's notice prior to the absence.

Students will be allowed no more than three excused voluntary absences per calendar year.

- v. Whether or not an absence is excused under this policy will be determined at the Headmaster Justin's sole discretion on a case-by-case basis.
- c. The School of Future Arts ***does not*** close for government holidays or in accordance with government school schedules. We will be open during spring break, all summer (including Independence Day), Thanksgiving, and so forth. The only holiday on which the School of Future Arts will close will be Christmas day. To accommodate student holiday schedules, lessons rescheduled because of a holiday at least one week in advance will not be counted as an absence.
- d. To give notice of an absence or to request a reschedule, a student must do one of the following:
- i. Tell Headmaster Justin in person at the studio, or
 - ii. Call the School's landline number at (706) 839-3600 and, if no one is available, leave a message
 - iii. Send an email to justin@schooloffuturearts.com
 - iv. Calling or texting Headmaster Justin's cell phone is not recommended because he has poor reception away from the studio and cannot guarantee your communication will be received in a timely manner.

3. Gender/Sex Policy

- a. Students are reminded that the School of Future Arts is a private Christian school affiliated with Clarkesville Reformed Baptist Church and is obligated to conform to Biblical practice. The school receives absolutely no government funding, and

as such, the School is under no obligation to conform to any government-mandated sex or gender requirements.

- b. Any student at the School of Future Arts or at a School of Future Arts event agrees, while there, to be referred to by the name which was given to that student at birth and to be referenced by the sexed pronouns associated with that student's biological sex.
- c. The student also agrees, in a general sense to be determined by the sole discretion of Headmaster Justin, to conform to traditional gender roles in dress, appearance, and action while at the School of Future Arts or School of Future Arts events.
 - i. To ensure that there is no confusion about what is or is not gender-conforming, a student deemed to be gender nonconforming will be given a verbal warning for a first violation. For a second violation of the same nonconformity, the lesson for that day will be cancelled and deemed an unexcused absence.
- d. At recitals, all male students will be required to wear pants and to take a bow after performing, and all female students will be required to wear a skirt and to curtsy after performing, as classical stage tradition dictates.