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Self-Directed Student Absence Policy - School Year 2026-2027

Self-Directed Student Absence Policy

When self-directed students enroll in individual lessons, we will hold the lesson spot for them for the duration of the term and will staff the lesson time accordingly.

Individual lesson students are permitted up to four (4) absences per lesson enrollment per school year. If a student exceeds these 4 absences, they will be subject to a non-attendance fee at the following rate(s) for every subsequent lesson missed:

- \$20 for a 30min lesson
- \$30 for a 45min lesson
- \$40 for a 60min lesson
- \$50 for a 90min lesson

These non-attendance fees must be paid by the student as we cannot bill the student's self-directed budget for any lessons the student did not attend.

If any self-directed student (individual lesson student or group class student) exceeds six (6) total school year absences, we reserve the right to withdraw them for non-attendance

Students will NOT be financially responsible for any lessons missed by their instructor, and instructor absences will NOT count towards the student's absence record.

If a student finds that they cannot consistently attend lessons/classes at their scheduled day and time, we ask that they formally withdraw from Hochstein until a time comes in which they can attend more consistently. If a student withdraws from their individual lessons or group classes, we cannot guarantee that the weekly day, time, or instructor of the class/lesson will still be available when they are ready to return.

Individual lesson students may not be permitted to enroll for the next term if they have unpaid missed lesson fees at the time of registration.

Make-Up Lesson Policy

We understand that illness happens, and we ask that students please stay home if they are sick. In the event of student illness, we will offer an online lesson if appropriate. There will be no make-ups offered for lessons/classes missed by self-directed students.

If an instructor misses a lesson, they will offer the student a make-up lesson as their time and schedule allows.