



SFBC FINE ARTS ACADEMY POLICIES FALL 2025

PIANO PERCUSSION GUITAR ART CLASSES DANCE BRASS WOODWINDS

MISSION

The SFBC FAA seeks to use music, art and dance as a means to promote the arts and artistic expression, creating better musicians, artists and dancers within students while also evangelizing and discipling people for Jesus Christ. Our end goal is for the skill and talent gained to be used in authentic worship of God and to bring glory to Him through the arts.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FAA has three semesters:

Fall (*mid-August to Thanksgiving*) Winter (*mid-January to end of April*) Summer (*6-weeks during June/July*)

Lessons are offered Monday through Thursday with various coaches. We do not have lessons past 7:00pm. Once you are signed up, you will be contacted on day/time preferences or what is available. The earlier you sign up, the better!

Sign ups are online at seymourfbc.org/faa a few weeks before each semester begins. You are welcome to contact Beth Smith, FAA Director with any questions or specific requests in the best interest of your student so that we pair you with the right coach. We usually recommend that students begin lessons when they have a good grasp on the alphabet and numbers. We discourage students younger than five, but there are always exceptions. *There is no age limit - we have many adults in our Academy!*

We do ask that parents stay within ear shot of the lesson taking place if possible. It is required if there is a male/female combination of student/coach.

CLASSES

Classes follow the same schedule as our private lessons. We currently offer art classes with Tim Moen which are very well loved by all that have attended! New to our academy this semester is Dance with Samantha White.

Performing Arts takes place during the summer. This is an exciting part of our academy led by our FAA director, Beth Smith. You can learn more [here](#).

BUILDING ENTRANCE

For lessons, please enter the Sevierville side of the building using the keypad next to the brown metal door. A code will be sent out separately before the first day of lessons. Please walk through the worship center to the designated music suite for your lessons. Do not loiter in the worship center and do not touch any musical equipment on the stage of the worship center.

PAYMENT \$30 PER HALF HOUR LESSON

Option 1- Payment in full for the semester is due by the first day of lessons.

Option 2- Half-payment will be due on the first day of lessons and the remaining balance to be due by the completion of half of that semester's lessons. (Fall '24 would be 6 lessons in)

Payments may be made by cash, check or credit card online (cannot process cards at the church) to the SFBC administrative staff, not your personal instructor. You may also pay in the church office during the week. Please place your payment in a sealed envelope with a clear label with the name of the student whose tuition you are paying. If you are struggling, let us know.

DELINQUENCY

Students whose tuition has not been received by the payment due date may not receive lessons. The Fine Arts Academy Office will notify you and your teacher of your delinquent status. No lessons missed due to past due balances will be made up.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Fine Arts Academy will follow the same closings as posted by the Sevier County School System. However, if an exception is made, that exception will be posted on the SFBC FAA Facebook and website pages several hours before the first lesson of the day. Please check regularly for updates.

ABSENCE AND MAKEUP LESSONS

Each semester has built-in holiday days/weeks to our calendar. There are extra weeks allotted for weather or building related cancellations, makeup lessons and illness.

It is a requirement to notify the instructor when the student is unable to attend a lesson. One (1) lesson will be made up for an excused absence. Excused absences include student illness, death in the family, or an unavoidable conflict that shall be deemed reasonable by the teacher and the Administrator. Notification of at least eight (8) hours in advance entitles the student to a makeup lesson for an excused absence. When a lesson will be missed due to illness, please give the teacher as much prior notification as possible. *Classes will not be made up unless the coach cancels the entire class.*

NO-SHOWS

A missed lesson without a phone call eight (8) hours beforehand is a no-show and will not be made up or refunded.

PUNCTUALITY

Make every effort to arrive on time to your lesson. Lessons started late due to a student's tardiness will still end on time as, in most cases, there is another lesson scheduled directly after yours. There is no need to arrive more than a couple of minutes early.

TEACHER ABSENCES

All lessons due to teacher's absence will be rescheduled and will not be counted as the student's make-up lesson.

WITHDRAWAL

If you withdrawal at any point after the semester has started, payment is still required for the remainder of the semester. Our coaches set aside your lesson slot for the entire semester including their preparation and planning. The fall and spring semesters usually total around twelve lessons. Summer is six lessons total.

CONDUCT

The Fine Arts Academy seeks to maintain a safe and orderly environment. If a student or his/her parent behaves in an disorderly manner during lessons or on the campus of Seymour First Baptist, the administration will address the situation and give a warning that lessons may be discontinued if the behavior continues. If the behavior continues beyond the warning, the Arts Academy reserves the right to discontinue lessons for the student at its discretion. In this case, a refund will be issued using the same guidelines as a withdrawal.

PARKING

There are ample parking spots around the building of SFBC. This can easily become congested during soccer season or construction. Any parking spot marked as "guest" is intended only for Sunday mornings, and are available anytime during the week. We do ask that you do NOT park in either drive-through.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your instructor or:

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