

Studio Policy

All students (or parents) must sign agreement to the following policies prior to beginning lessons.

Goal - To develop the musical potential of each student by offering well-organized course of instruction that covers a variety of styles, techniques, and music theory. Some of the styles covered may include classical, jazz, contemporary, folk, and sacred music.

Curriculum - Curriculum is tailored to meet each student's needs. Preschoolers ages 3 years through 5 years are exposed to a variety of activities throughout each 30-minute lesson. Beginning to intermediate lessons for students from age 5 years through adult are designed to develop rhythm, music appreciation, and keyboarding skills. Music history and theory are included to fully develop the music student. Transfer students should bring current materials with them for evaluation.

Tuition - Tuition is payable monthly by cash or check. Tuition paid each month September-May covers 36 lessons. Tuition paid each month June-August covers 8 lessons. There is a \$50 annual registration fee for materials. Tuition is due by the 7th day of each month. Please make arrangements to provide your method of payment prior to or on the due date. A late fee of \$20 will apply to any tuition payments received after the 7th day of the month. A \$35 returned check fee will apply to any check that is returned unpaid by the bank.

Behavior - Students are expected to be on their best behavior while at the studio. This means arriving to each lesson with all materials, theory completed and pieces practiced. Listening and interacting with the teacher throughout the lesson is vital. After all, each student is learning to PLAY the piano, so we are supposed to have fun! Either a teacher or a student who is not listening is not much fun.

Playing outside of lessons – Playing the piano outside the lesson is vital to success: Progress is directly related to quality time spent at the piano several times a week! All assignments are written in the assignment notebook, which is emailed to a parent or student (depending on age) each week. Each student is expected to play adequately to master each piece and technique in a reasonable amount of time. Some practice tips from students include: Scheduling practice time at the same time every day, such as right after dinner or breakfast; playing more than once a day (before leaving for work or school, after you get home, before bed, for example). Written assignments and online assignments are part of practice, too, as are practice games.

Practice Instrument - All students must have access to adequate equipment to practice between lessons. For beginners, a keyboard with weighted action and at least 76 full-sized keys may be adequate. Late beginners and intermediate learners will need a piano or keyboard with 88 full-sized keys and at least two pedals.

Parent Participation - Parents are welcome to stay for all or part of a lesson. If you do choose to stay, please be quiet during your family member's lesson. Please be advised that some children do function better if a parent is not in attendance (some children seem to have different expectations for themselves with a teacher than with a parent). In this case, a parent may be asked not to stay for the entire lesson. If you have questions, please ask. Please do respect your child's lesson time to maximize learning. Piano lessons aren't just for children; parents are encouraged to take lessons, as well!

Parking – Please park in designated parking spaces. Please do not block other businesses by parking in front of them in the fire lanes.

Attendance Policy - Regular attendance at lessons is just as important as practice for success! Students are expected to attend at least 80% of all lessons scheduled. If you have to cancel a lesson, please notify me by cancelling it on the website, text, or calling at least 24 hours in advance. Basically, just let me know as soon as you know you need to miss a lesson, and I will do the same. Lessons missed by the teacher will be rescheduled. Lessons cancelled by the student may be rescheduled within two weeks by logging into the studio website calendar and selecting an open lesson spot. There is no guarantee that lessons missed by the student will be able to be rescheduled.

Sick Policy - Nobody likes to get sick. Some of our students have allergies and asthma (myself included) and cannot afford to get sick. If you have stayed home from school or work due to illness, please cancel your lesson as soon as possible in advance. Students who give notice that they are ill will be eligible to schedule an additional lesson at a later date. Students who come to lessons visibly ill will be asked to leave, and the lesson will not be forfeited.

Media Release – Videos and photos of students may be used on the studio Facebook page, website, and other studio materials. If you DO NOT wish your (your student's) photos shared, please comment at the bottom of this form.

Withdrawal - Written agreement at least one month in advance is requested. No refunds are available for any prepaid lessons.

Performances - Opportunities may arise where students participate in events outside the lesson time. All events are optional and at the discretion of the family and me. Please ask at least one month in advance regarding availability for duets at other events (i.e., talent shows).

Policy Updates - The student and/or parents will be asked to review and sign agreement to this policy prior to the first lesson. In the event of a policy update, all parties will be asked to sign agreement on a new policy.

I have read and agree to abide by all policies stated.

Parent (Adult Student) Signature

Student Signature