



Studio Policy 2026-2027

Thank you for choosing me as your music teacher! In order to ensure that you or your child gets the most effective and creative teaching possible, I have established the following policies.

Location

In-studio lessons are given at 13102 131st Street Ct E in Puyallup, WA. There is parking available in the driveway. Please wait in your car and I will come outside to get you at your scheduled lesson time.

Online lessons meet via Zoom using one meeting ID and password for the whole studio. Students may be placed in a virtual waiting room until their lesson time begins.

Lessons

The school-year calendar includes 35 scheduled private lessons over a 10-month period (September-June). The calendar also includes scheduled holidays and 1 flex week, so that I may freely cancel if I get sick or if other life events occur.

Flex Weeks (Similar to Snow Days)

Lessons for the 2026-2027 school year are scheduled to end the week of June 14-18, 2027; however in the event of an emergency or sickness where I need to take time off, lessons may continue into June 21-25. In this way I can guarantee that I will be present and ready to teach the scheduled number of lessons during the year. If I need to use a flex week, I will inform you via email or text.

Missed Lessons

Please give me 24-hour notice if you are unable to make one of your scheduled lesson times. Students may receive up to 2 makeup lessons for the 2026-2027 school year; however this is not guaranteed.

Makeup lessons are subject to availability. I will reach out to families when an opening becomes available due to a cancellation or a designated makeup day. Once a student has received 2 makeup lessons, no additional makeup opportunities will be offered.



Tuition

Tuition during the school year is a flat, monthly rate. Students will receive 35 lessons from September – June, paid for in ten monthly payments. During the school year, tuition will be due on the 1st of each month.

Tuition Rates

Private lessons

30-minute private lessons - \$140/month

45-minute private lessons - \$210/month

60-minute private lessons - \$280/month

What does tuition cover?

- ♪ Lesson time with each student
- ♪ Time spent in lesson planning
It has been cited by professional music journals that for every hour enrolled in piano lessons, you are investing in at least 2 hours of the teacher's time.
- ♪ Recital costs and preparations
- ♪ Piano, studio, equipment, website fees and maintenance
- ♪ Your teacher's continuing professional development and certification

Recitals

There will be two studio recitals for the 2026-2027 school year.

- ♪ Winter Recital: December 2026
- ♪ Spring Recital: June 2027

Photos and Media

Pictures and videos of students may be posted on the studio website, studio social media accounts, and in other studio-related publications or media. To respect student privacy and follow online safety guidelines, names will never be included with photos or videos posted online.



Practice Expectations

Students should set aside a regular time each day for practice so that they can develop healthy practice habits. Students are expected to practice 5 days a week.

Recommended practice time:

- ♪ Beginner (first year of lessons): 15-20 minutes
- ♪ Early Level: 20-30 minutes
- ♪ Late Level: 30-45 minutes
- ♪ Advanced: 45-60 minutes

Parent/Guardian Involvement

Each week you will receive an email with your child's assignments. Please review them together to help them stay on task. You can also support their focus by removing distractions such as TV, phones, and tablets during practice time.

If you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts about your child's music studies, please bring them up with me! I want to provide an experience that supports your child's individual goals and needs.

Instrument Requirements

Piano students must have one of the following:

- ♪ A well-tuned acoustic piano with 88 keys and working pedals.
- ♪ A digital piano with the following features: 88 keys, touch sensitivity, weighted keys, sustain/damper pedal, bench seat, and is on a keyboard stand (not a table or desk).

If you would like help finding a digital piano to purchase, I can provide links to several appropriate options.



Discontinuing Lessons

The decision to end lessons should be made with careful consideration and discussion between the parent/guardian, student and teacher so that lessons can end positively. 😊

At least 30 days of notice is required to discontinue lessons. Students who give less than 30 days' notice will be responsible for one additional month of tuition. No refunds are given for lessons that are not taken during the notice period.

The teacher reserves the right to terminate lessons for the following reasons, including, but not limited to: failure to pay tuition, persistent absences, not bringing books to lessons, refusing to follow weekly assignments, inappropriate behavior, or damage to studio equipment or private property.