



## Studio Policy 2023-2024

Thank you for choosing me as your piano 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 131<sup>st</sup> 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. Each online student will be sent a unique Zoom meeting ID and Passcode for the year.

### Lessons

The school-year calendar includes 36 scheduled private lessons over a 10-month period (September-June). The calendar also includes scheduled holidays and 2 flex weeks, so that I may freely cancel if sick or if other life events occur. Holidays and flex weeks are not included in tuition.

### Flex Weeks (Similar to Snow Days)

Lessons for the 2023-2024 school year are scheduled to end the week of June 10-14, 2024; however in the event of an emergency or sickness where I need to take time off, lessons may continue into June 17-21 or June 24-28, 2024. In this way I can guarantee that I will be present and ready to teach the scheduled number of lessons during the year.

In the event that 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 2023-2024 school year, however this is not guaranteed.

Makeup lessons will only be offered on these dates: November 4, 2023, January 13, 2024 and March 9, 2024.



## Tuition

Tuition during the school year is a flat, monthly rate. Students will receive 36 lessons from September – June, paid for in ten monthly payments. During the school year, tuition will be automatically charged on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

## Tuition Rates

Private lessons

30-minute private lessons - \$130/month

45-minute private lessons - \$195/month

60-minute private lessons - \$260/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 2023-2024 school year.

- ♪ Winter Recital: December 2023
- ♪ Spring Recital: June 2024

## Photos and Media

Pictures and videos of students may be posted on the studio website and included in studio publications and studio-related media. To respect your privacy and to also follow online safety rules, photos of students online will never include names.



## 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:

- ♪ 5-7 years old: 15-20 minutes
- ♪ 8-10 years old: 20-30 minutes
- ♪ 11-14 years old: 30-45 minutes
- ♪ 15 and older: 45-60 minutes

## Parent/Guardian Involvement

Please check your child's assignment notebook and make sure that they stay on task when practicing each week. You can help your child focus by removing distractions such as TV, phones, and tablets during their designated practice time.

If you have any concerns or thoughts about their music studies please bring it up with me! I want to offer an education for your child that will best fit their 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 parent/guardian, student and teacher so that lessons can end positively. 😊

At least 30 days of notice or one month's pay is required if a student decides to terminate lessons. No refunds are given for lessons that are not taken.

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 the weekly assignment, inappropriate behavior, and lack of motivation or progress.