



SCHUMANN
PIANO STUDIO

STUDIO POLICIES 2025

My belief is that with consistency and enthusiasm from both the student, parent, and teacher, any child or adult can succeed while playing the piano. Playing an instrument is something that should be enjoyable, and while piano lessons are certainly hard work, my studio fosters a loving and supportive environment for your child to reach their full musical and technical potential. I believe that every person can find fulfillment in piano when given the opportunity, amongst busy schedules and other hobbies. I love to teach students of all walks of life and see them grow as people through music, and this studio is an excellent place for you or your child to be!

My responsibilities include:

- creating individualized lesson plans for each student
- devoting time and energy creating long term plans and goals for each student
- teaching students how to have efficient practice sessions at home to ensure success
- ensuring students have successful performance opportunities through semesterly recitals, Achievement Day, and festivals
- holding students to a high musical standard while both having fun and expressing themselves
- encouraging students to find their musical voice through a complete study of all elements (classical, jazz, pop, theory, history and aural skills)

Students' responsibilities include:

- committing practice time (the only true way to gain technical and artistic capabilities!)
- performing in fall and spring recitals, and any other events decided between teacher and parents
- arriving on time for lessons with all required materials
- coming with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn!

Parents' responsibilities include:

- providing access to an 88-key weighted electric or acoustic keyboard (mandatory for lessons)
- helping your child practice consistently and effectively using assignment sheets
- providing a distraction free environment for students to practice in at home
- helping the student be on time to all lessons and recitals

Attendance policy: Students can only be as successful as their consistency, and all lessons and recitals are mandatory unless otherwise cleared with me. If a makeup for a lesson is needed, there is possibility for a rescheduling of a mutually agreeable time between the parent and student at my discretion. Any lesson must be cancelled within 24 hours of the student's lesson time to be eligible for a makeup lesson. Otherwise, the lesson will be forfeited on the student's behalf for the week. The student will be eligible for one makeup lesson at the end of the term. If a student is feeling ill, lessons can be moved online to ensure students' consistency with weekly lessons. I am a well-trained,

experienced online teacher who has permanent students across the country, and online lessons are a great option for extended vacations!

Photo and Video Release: There are certain occasions in which your child's picture or video of a great performance may be posted on my website or used in an academic presentation. These are solely for the purposes of encouraging others or to demonstrate my teaching style for an academic presentation. There will never be any names attached to these, but if this poses a possible issue for your family, please let me know.

Books and Materials: I am happy to purchase books for your child and add them to invoices, or send you links through Amazon and piano vendors. Preferences should be stated at the start of each semester.

Tuition: Private lessons are based on a semester long commitment, and will include 16 lessons for each semester, as well as a make-up week, as well as a recital held at the end of each semester. There are no refunds for tuition. Tuition will be sent on the 1st of the month and is due on the 15th of each month. Failure to pay tuition in a timely manner without prior approval is grounds for dismissal from the studio.

Tuition can be paid on a monthly or semesterly basis dependent on family preferences. Tuition can also be paid in a variety of ways, including check, Zella, Venmo, or any other mutually agreeable option. Tuition rates are as follows:

45-minute lessons: \$270/month

60-minute lessons: \$360/month

For in-home lessons, a travel fee is added based on the distance from my home studio (Garden Oaks area). The rate begins at an additional 20\$/household added to monthly invoices. Scholarships are available on a need basis.

Discontinuing Lessons: I highly recommend committing to piano lessons for at least a calendar year to help encourage strong habit building and to find a suitable learning pace. However, lessons can be discontinued with written 30 days notice.

Please read the following statements and sign below:

I understand and agree to all of the following policies in this document. I understand the practice requirements, tuition, makeup policies, and responsibilities statement.

Additionally, I understand that this form serves as a release for the student's image in either video or photographic as promotional material for the studio and at the teacher's discretion.

Student name: _____

Student signature: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return the following page to me at your student's first lesson. I look forward to getting to work with you or your child!

Teacher signature: _____

New Student Information Form

Student name:

Student age:

Student grade:

Favorite School subject:

Favorite Color:

Favorite Food:

Why do you want to play piano?



New Parent Information Form

Date _____

Please answer the following questions briefly. These questions are in no way evaluative, as I believe that students of all ages and ability have a place in music. Rather, I have training in several different types of books that suit different students and would like to have materials prepared for our introductory lesson. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Parent(s) Name:

Parent(s) Cell:

Parent(s) Email:

Address:

What are some words you would use to describe your child?

How do you feel your child learns best?

What do you hope to see your child get out of piano lessons?

Is there anything else I should know to help your child feel as successful as possible at the piano?