

Piano Lesson Agreement

By registering as a student with Music With Sarah Piano Studio, we are all (teacher, parents, and students) agreeing to respect each other and the following guidelines. These guidelines are designed to ensure the effectiveness of each student's learning experience. Music With Sarah Piano Studio reserves the right to modify the following agreement as needed.

Lesson Materials & Equipment

- Students will be provided with a studio binder in which lesson assignments and other lesson materials can be organized. Students are expected to keep the binder neat and tidy throughout the year. Students are required to bring the entire notebook and all books to their lesson time each week or their lesson will not be guaranteed to take place.
- The instructor will purchase materials unless other arrangements are made. Once purchased, the total cost will be calculated and included on the student's invoice for reimbursement to the instructor.
- Piano students are required to have an acoustic piano or electronic keyboard at home. If a student has a keyboard, it is recommended that it be at least 76 keys, touch-sensitive, and have a foot pedal. If the student has an acoustic piano, it is highly recommended that it be kept well maintained with regular tunings.

Lesson Tuition

- Tuition is averaged for the school year and divided into 9 equal payments. This covers 30 weekly lessons per school year (September through May) and includes special lesson weeks, recitals, awards, incentive programs, sheet music, and certain app subscriptions (such as Piano Maestro). Tuition is based on enrollment, not attendance. It remains the same each month regardless of the number of lessons.
- Lessons are not held during the weeks of:
 1. Thanksgiving
 2. Christmas
 3. New Year's
 4. Spring Break
 5. One week of the teacher's choosing
- Lessons are also not held on:
 1. Memorial Day (May)
 2. Independence Day (July 4th)
 3. Labor Day (September)
- Students may take 3 absences during the school year. If a student chooses to not use these absences, they will benefit by receiving those lessons for free.

Summer Lessons

- Summer lessons will be handled separately from the school year term in order to allow for more flexibility. Information about summer lessons will be available in April or May.
- Students are expected to continue taking lessons through the summer months in order to guarantee their enrollment in the studio.

Payments

- Invoices will be emailed the week before they are due. **Tuition is due on or before the 1st of the month.**
- Tuition payments should be paid monthly via bank transfer using the secure link provided in your invoice. No fees are involved for the student to use this service. Although not the first preference, checks and cash will also be accepted.
- **A \$10 late fee will be added to the student's account for tuition payments that have not been received by the 10th of the month, and a new invoice will be emailed.**
- Parents/students will be responsible for covering any fees accrued for nonsufficient funds.

- No refunds or credits will be given for termination of lessons or absences.

Attendance & Drop-Off/Pick-Up

- It is expected that students arrive to their lessons on time and are picked up in a timely manner. When a student is late, their lesson will end at the scheduled time even if that means they do not receive their full lesson.
- Absences require 24 hours notice. Exceptions include illness, family emergencies, etc.
- **Inclement Weather Policy:** If local schools are closed due to inclement weather or temperatures, parents/students will be given the option to attend the lesson or reschedule for another time. FaceTime/Skype lessons are available at the student's regularly scheduled lesson time.

Make-Up Lessons

- Although not guaranteed, make-up lessons are only offered when advance notice is given regarding a missed lesson.

Lesson Termination & Dismissal

- Students are asked to provide two week's notice prior to terminating lessons.
- The instructor reserves the right to dismiss a student for the following reasons:
 1. Consistent "no-shows."
 2. Continually late or unpaid tuition.
 3. Persistent lack of interest.
 4. Poor attitude, an unteachable spirit, and/or consistent disrespect.
 5. Intentional damage or theft.

Practicing

- Children do not typically desire to practice on their own, especially when they would rather be playing video games, spending time outdoors, or enjoying their hobbies. For this reason, parents are required to set guidelines for their children's practice time.
- It is recommended that students practice at home at least 5 days each week. It is recommended that each exercise, piece, or song be practiced 2-3 times in each practice session, with special attention given to problem spots in the music.
- If a student does not want to practice, parents are encouraged to contact the teacher to discuss options and advice before making the choice to terminate lessons.

PLEASE SIGN & DATE THE AGREEMENT BELOW
(Also provided digitally on your scheduling form.)

I have read this agreement, understand it, and will abide by it to the best of my ability.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Photo & Video Release

Does *Music With Sarah Piano Studio* have permission to feature photos and/or videos of your child(ren) on the studio website, Facebook page, newsletters, and/or promotional items?

- Yes No Please ask on a case-by-case basis.