

Music Studio of Kimberly Keim

Policies August 2022 – July 2023

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Calendar

Lessons follow the Noblesville School Corporation academic calendar. 38 lessons are included in tuition throughout the 12-month year with the requirement to take some of these lessons over the summer. Monday students will not have a lesson on Labor Day but will instead meet the Monday before Thanksgiving. The studio is open as usual on Halloween/MLK/President's Day.

Make-Up Lessons/Snow Days

Students can miss up to two lessons per piano year which are made up over the summer. Any more than 2 lessons cancelled by the student will not be made up. Siblings are allowed to take the slot of a sick sibling and have a longer lesson. Lessons will still occur on snow days, unless it is determined to be unsafe to make it to the studio. Snow day lessons can be made up over the summer, or taken online that day. Please let me know by 2pm that day if you want an online lesson. There's one lesson built-in per year for snow days or teacher sick days. If any more should occur, a refund or prorate will be given in July when the piano year wraps up.

Practice Expectations

Students are expected to practice as much as it takes to accomplish the weekly assignments.

General practice times are:

Primer and Level 1 – 10-15 minutes/4 or more times a week	Level 4 - Intermediates – 25-30 minutes/4 or more times a week
Level 2 – 15-20 minutes/4 or more times a week	Beyond the Methods – 30-35 minutes/4 or more times a week
Level 3 – 20-25 minutes/4 or more times a week	Advanced – 45+ minutes/4 or more times a week

Time Slots

Please be on time for your lesson on both sides of drop-off/pick-up. I cannot alter my schedule if you are running late. To be courteous to the next student's paid time, please ask any questions at the beginning of the lesson or send me an e-mail!

Summer Lessons

There will be 6 flex weeks of lessons offered over the summer starting after Memorial Day. Three of these lessons are included in tuition, and the other three are reserved for make-up lessons for missed teacher/student/snow days. It is required to take or pay for lessons during the months of June and July to reserve your slot for the fall. If you choose to take the summer off, your slot will be filled from the waiting list.

Tuition

Tuition is based on the annual cost of piano lessons for an entire 12-month year and divided into 12 equal payments. Included in tuition are 38 lessons, books, recital fees, studio upkeep, games, incentives, taxes, and all costs it takes to run the studio and teach. It is a flat monthly rate so both the teacher and student can budget accordingly. Invoices will go out to each family before the end of the month. I accept cash, check, and payment online through My Music Staff, Venmo, or Chase Pay. (Information on the student login from my website will be provided.) Rates for August 2021-July 2022 are as follows:

- 30-minute lessons - \$88/month
- 45-minute lessons – \$129/month
- 60-minute lessons - \$171/month

Payment is due by the 10th of each month regardless if the studio is on break or not. This may mean you have to pay online or drop a check in the mail. Payments received after the 10th will result in a 10% late fee. Those not paid by the 3rd Sunday of the month will result in a cancellation of lessons until payment is made. If pay is still not received by the first of the next month, your slot is forfeit to someone on the waiting list.

Ending Lessons/Long Breaks

Deciding to end lessons is one that should be discussed with the student, parent, and teacher. There will be no refunds of payment should this occur mid-month. Should you find the need to take a few months off, tuition is still due to hold your spot. Otherwise, your slot will be filled from the waiting list and you may have to wait for a slot to open upon return. The teacher also reserves the right to end lessons if practicing does not occur or other circumstances arise.

Recitals, ISSMA, and Competitions

Recitals occur once a semester. This is always everyone's favorite part of the year! Students under the age of 6 will not be required to participate (though they LOVE it).

ISSMA contest will be encouraged to intermediate students and above as a way to get outside evaluation and earn medals! It's a great experience and very rewarding as a growing musician. Hoosier Auditions, AIM Music Festival, Young Hoosier Piano Competition, and other competitions are also available for participation. Competition fees are not included in tuition.