

# The Music House Studio Policy 2020-2021

## ATTENDANCE AND SCHEDULING

Regular attendance is crucial to success in piano study. Students are expected to make every effort to arrive on time with all needed materials and a open mind! In the case of changing schedules/conflicts during the semester, we offer the following options.

- You may schedule a zoom lesson during your regular lesson time, if you are unable to come to the studio.
- You may schedule a make-up during one of the designated "make-up" days, in the case of illness that prevents use of zoom.
- In the case of illness, please try to give 24 hours notice. It can be difficult, with sick children, to give that much notice, but please give as much notice as possible. This will allow us to decide which option is best: zoom lesson or schedule a time during one of the "make-up days". **If your child missed school due to illness please schedule a make up lesson- a healthy lesson is a much happier lesson! \* Any student with a fever above 99 in the past 24 hours, or COVID-19 symptoms, or any student with an exposure (or a family member with an exposure) to COVID-19 in the past 10 days MAY NOT attend in-person lessons. Zoom lessons during the student's regular lesson time are an option for those that are mildly sick**
- Occasionally, I have a conflict that requires me to reschedule lessons (performance, activity for one of my own children, etc). In that event, I will give you at least 1 week's notice before rescheduling., and will use the zoom lesson option as much as possible to avoid disruption in lesson attendance.

## LATE ARRIVAL/NO-SHOW

I am unable to extend lesson times for students who arrive late for their lesson. I am unable to offer make-ups of any kind for students who do not show up at their designated lesson time.

## TUITION PAYMENT

Tuition is based on per semester rates. Tuition must be paid by the 5th of each month or can be paid per semester (with a 5% discount) Families will choose between "Performance Track and "Creator Track"

- 30-minute private lessons is \$560, divided into 4 monthly payments of \$150.
- 45-minute private lessons is \$760, divided into 4 monthly payments of \$200.

Tuition must be paid by the 5th of each month, in 4 equal payments, or can be paid per semester (with a 5% discount)

- Fall Tuition payments: September- December.
- Spring Tuition payments: Jan-April
- Summer session: June
- Accepted methods of payment: online through website (via paypal or credit card), check, or cash.
- **Tuition not received by the 5th is subject to a \$35 late fee.**

## Families will choose between "Performance Track and "Creator Track"

- **Both instruction tracks** have 16 lessons each semester, two performance opportunities: Winter Recital & Community Recital, and 2 masterclasses, with differentiated topics/activities

- **Performance Track** will have: 3 professional recordings, a masterclass with a guest teacher
- **Creator Track** will have: Weekly video submission opportunity, professional recording of an original piece, 2 composing/improv PDF handouts each month

## **PRACTICE**

Lessons are most successful when students are prepared. Students are expected to develop consistent practice habits, doing their best each week to meet their established practice goal. If a student has three consecutive weeks with no practice, a conference will happen between teacher, student, and parent. At that time student will be given three more weeks to establish consistent practice. If no changes are made, the student will be dismissed from the studio.

## **SUMMER LESSONS**

Students will take 4 lessons (or the equivalent) during our summer session in order to secure their slot in the studio for the following school year.

## **PARENT TEACHER STUDENT COMMUNICATION**

Open communication is essential to a good relationship between parent, teacher and student. Parents: Please read your child's assignment each week and be involved in listening to them play at home. I welcome questions of any kind during the course of your child's piano study. You may contact me via phone, text, or email. I make every effort to return all messages within 24 hours.

My conference hours (best time to conference with me on the phone) are between 10AM-Noon. Unfortunately, I am not able to take time to conference in between lessons, due to my full teaching schedule. However, I am happy to take part of your child's lesson time to discuss issues, if needed. Talking with you gives me insight into your child's learning style and any difficulties they may be experiencing at home or in the lesson. Please do not hesitate to call or email me. I make every effort to return messages within 24 hours.

## **TERMINATION OF LESSONS**

Should you need to end your piano study, one month's notice is required. During this time it is my hope that we can have a respectful end to lessons.