

Studio Policies

Welcome to my studio! I'm glad to have you here and look forward to making music with you and your family.

Tuition payments will be due on the first of each month via automatic payment system. If you must withdraw from the studio at any time, please give me at least one month of notice. Please see the **tuition information sheet** for more details.

Please mark your calendar for all lessons and recitals. Let me know as soon as possible if you must miss a lesson so I can mark it as available on the calendar. **There are no makeup lessons.** You may switch times with another student or find a cancellation on the calendar. If you wish to switch a lesson with another student, you can use the **shared calendar** and **studio directory** to contact them and let me know about the lesson switch if both parties agree. Canceled lesson spots will also be made available on the shared calendar. Please send me an email to sign up for canceled spots if you see one on the shared calendar that fits your schedule. If you have any concerns regarding the no-makeup-lesson policy, please read "Makeup Lessons From an Economist's Point of View" by Vicky Barham.

I am reserving one week of personal emergency days (sick kids, loss of childcare, etc.) and one week of disaster (hurricane, power outages, freeze, etc.) days per year. If I have to cancel any lessons beyond this, I will offer additional teaching days or refund missed lessons.

Please do not bring sick students to lessons. Having a virtual lesson or using the lesson time for a parent-teacher phone call is an option. Any student that appears ill will be immediately sent home.

Please park in my driveway or directly in front of my house so as not to disturb the neighbors. When you arrive, you're welcome to come in the front door at your lesson time or wait outside. You should not need to knock or ring the doorbell.

Students are required to have the following items at all lessons: pencil, metronome, books/music, notebook, sticks/mallets if applicable. At home, piano students must have a fully functioning piano or weighted keyboard. Percussion students are required to have a music stand and practice instruments. Please provide a quiet and well-lit space for practice.

Learning a musical instrument requires daily practice. It is important to work with students to develop a consistent and successful practice routine. Many students require parent supervision while practicing. I will help determine the length of practice sessions based on age and skill level.

In case of emergency, a parent or guardian is required to be present at all lessons. Parents are welcome to wait outside but highly encouraged to observe lessons in order to help guide practice during the week.

I am not responsible for any injury, damage, or loss during the course of private lessons, recitals, and other studio events.