

The Signs of Sound Piano Studio

Studio Policy

Attendance: I look forward to seeing you each week and discovering music together. Students are expected to commit for a semester (Fall or Spring) of piano lessons. They should arrive on time, bring all their materials, and trim their nails. The studio calendar follows the Knox County calendar.

Piano at Home: A tuned acoustic piano allows the student to thrive and enjoy the power and colors that the piano can make. There are many free or very inexpensive pianos on Facebook Marketplace which are waiting for a home. Please let me know if you would like me to help you in this search. The next best choice is a full sized 88-key electric keyboard with weighted keys and a pedal. I would be honored to help you find a piano that fits your family's needs.

Practice: Students should touch the piano as often as they can throughout the week, so as to grow in their musical journey. Sometimes 15 minutes of practice can be better and more focused than 30, etc. Use whatever time you do have! When a student does not practice at home, he or she will begin to feel discouraged and frustrated. Therefore, I give all different types of practice strategies and games, so that the student can feel confident and comfortable exploring the songs at home.

Summer Lessons: I will offer summer lessons on a week-to-week basis (sign ups at the end of the spring semester), instead of month-to-month during the school year.

Workshops: As the studio grows, I will offer group workshops 4 times a year, so that we can enjoy musical games, duets, composing, music history, and more with the student's peers!

Recitals: Recitals are a great way for the students to share their musical progress and enjoyment with their friends, family, and even those they have not met. I often arrange recitals at local senior centers or nursing homes.

Make-up Lessons: I will offer a lesson swap sheet, as the studio grows. Then, you can swap your time with someone else, as long as it works for another student, and you notify me of this change. If no one is available for a swap or the student is ill, please email, call or text me, and we can arrange a virtual lesson at a time that works for both the teacher and the student.

Teacher Absences: The teacher reserves the right to miss a lesson, due to illness or professional commitments. The teacher will then reschedule with you individually or provide a virtual lesson (in the case of illness).

Parent participation: Parents are asked to encourage students and be active participants during piano practice at home. A parent may attend one lesson a month, to be more

equipped to encourage practice at home. The teacher reserves the right to ask a parent not to attend if the parent's presence alters the quality of the lesson.

Lesson Termination: Students may be asked to discontinue lessons at the end of the semester, if they have had excessive absences or unprepared lessons, at the discretion of the teacher. Lessons may also be terminated for unpaid tuition. If your family is going through a financial crisis, though, please reach out and we can figure something out together.

Tuition Payment: You may pay via paypal (see the code below), Zelle, cash, or check. Please submit your payment no later than the 5th of the month. After the 5th, a late fee of 30 dollars will be added to the tuition. Tuition will depend on if you chose a 30, 45 minute, or hour long lesson. Some months will have 3, 4, and 5 lessons, depending on the month and holidays. Therefore, each month will be the same tuition charge. Please contact me for further information.

Communication: The teacher may be unable to discuss the student's progress with parents before or after the lesson since other students have lessons at that time. Parents should call, email, text, or schedule an appointment with the teacher if they have questions or concerns. My number is 865-203-7032 and my email address is signsofsoundps@gmail.com

Media Release: The Signs of Sound Piano Studio may use photographs/videos of your student (for the website, social media for the studio or marketing), but only with the parent's and student's permission.

Loss or Injury: The Signs of Sound Piano Studio is not responsible for any loss or injury incurred while participating in the program. Signature on this registration form acknowledges that The Signs of Sound Piano Studio is released from all liability, including, but not limited to liability resulting from anyone's negligence. Signature also constitutes acknowledgement that the parent agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Signs of Sound Piano Studio from any liability, costs or claims, related either directly or indirectly to participation at the Signs of Sound Piano Studio program, including legal or medical expenses incurred for the participant's benefit.

I have read this document and agree to a full semester of piano lessons at the Signs of Sound Piano Studio.

Parent Signature.....

Student Signature

I look forward to our musical adventure together!

