

Piano Studio by Matthew Krell Music  
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## Studio Policies

### **Tuition and Payment:**

Tuition rates are calculated on a monthly basis, covering approximately four weeks of lessons per month. Months containing five weeks of the scheduled weekday billed for five lessons. January, June, July, and December scheduling and billing are determined individually.

Tuition payments are billed monthly, with the first payment due by the first lesson each month. Cash and checks are welcome. For digital payments, Zelle is preferred to avoid convenience fees from other apps.

Payments are expected by the first lesson of each month. Should tuition remain unpaid by the end of the month, a \$20 late fee will apply, and lessons may be temporarily suspended until payment is settled.

Invoices are sent before the first of each month.

### **Charter Schools:**

For lessons administered through a charter school network, fees from below are waived to align with the billing procedures of the network policies. Charter school lessons are conducted at the “session rate” from the pricing document, to streamline purchase orders and scheduling while aligning with network procedures.

These sessions are lessons which are conducted with flexibility in timing to support scheduled time blocks for students and student families.

### **Fees:**

For school-age students, an annual registration fee of \$95 covers core and supplemental materials. Any surplus funds will be reimbursed at the end of the year, and additional expenses will be discussed with the payer.

Adult students are exempt from an annual registration fee. However, they are expected to cover the costs of necessary materials directly or upon reimbursement after the teacher's purchase.

Student participation in festivals, examinations, competitions, and similar events will be assessed when relevant, and associated fees will be incurred accordingly. Fees for optional events will be billed separately.

For in-home lessons, a driving fee is applicable as described in the pricing chart. However, if lessons are conducted at the teacher's studio or over Zoom, the driving fee is waived.

### **Original Compositions and Materials:**

An extra fee applies to exercise sheets, arrangements, and original compositions, reflecting the time invested in their creation. These materials are designed to enrich student learning and support targeted educational goals.

### **Supplies:**

Piano students must possess an instrument with 88 weighted keys and a functional damper pedal for regular practice. A height-adjustable bench is also required. Acoustic instruments are recommended.

For Charter School students, necessary books and materials will be communicated for purchase through the charter funds as reimbursement is not viable.

### **Performance Opportunities:**

Performance is an essential facet of musical and personal growth. While in-person performances will be pursued, students may also explore alternative avenues for showcasing their progress through digital mediums or other projects, subject to parental and teacher approval. Further details will be communicated throughout the year. See Fees section for payment details.

### **Attendance:**

Parking is free and available in the parking structure on 9<sup>th</sup> street, accessible from southbound on Railroad Avenue or Main Street.

Students are accountable for their weekly scheduled lesson times, like an appointment. Please note that lessons coinciding with holidays will not be deducted from the tuition amount but are rescheduled or forfeited at the payer's discretion.

Be aware that tuition is still payable for any missed sessions, including absences due to sickness, and that rescheduling opportunities are limited. For a planned absence, please provide at least one week's notice. Rescheduling may be accommodated during the four months listed in the Tuition and Payment section.

Please be advised that for lessons conducted in your home, traffic may impact the start time. This does not alter billing.

**Returned Checks:**

A \$20 fee is imposed for all returned checks.

**30-Day Cancellation Notice:**

To discontinue lessons, a written 30-day notice is mandatory. Please email to receive this form. Payment must continue during this period, whether or not lessons are taken.

**Practice Time:**

Consistent daily practice time is vital. The duration will fluctuate based on assignments, student age, and skill level. I reserve the right to forfeit a lesson due to inadequate preparation of the student, using the time for individual practice instead.

**Parental Involvement:**

Parental support significantly contributes to a student's success. The assignment sheet serves as a means of weekly communication for expectations, assignments, reminders, and progress updates.

Assignments not verbally communicated during the lesson may be added to the sheet. It is the duty of the student to read this sheet during every practice session. Parents are encouraged to provide positive support and motivation while overseeing and participating in the student's musical journey.

For questions or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

SIGN & DATE BELOW

**Acknowledgement:**

Please SIGN and DATE to confirm your understanding and acceptance of the above policies and the Studio Pricing Chart. Scan the signed document to [lessons@matthewkrellmusic.com](mailto:lessons@matthewkrellmusic.com).

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Please INITIAL here to confirm that your lessons are administered through a charter school network, acknowledging their respective policies in alignment with the above standards.

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