

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, with months containing five weeks billed for five lessons. December scheduling and billing are determined individually.

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.

Tuition payments are due monthly, with the first payment due by the first lesson each month. Cash and checks are accepted. For digital payments, Zelle is preferred to avoid convenience fees from other apps. Please note that lessons coinciding with holidays will not be deducted from the tuition amount but can be rescheduled or forfeited at the payer's discretion.

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.

For lessons administered through a charter school network, certain fees from below may be required in addition to the retroactive billing of the network policies. The charter school hourly rate differs to align with learning network policies, which exclude recital fees, registration fees, and driving fees.

### **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.

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 with at least two days' notice, the driving fee is waived.

**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.

**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.

**Returned Checks:**

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

**Missed Lessons:**

Students are accountable for their scheduled lesson times, like an appointment. Parking is free and available in the parking structure on 9<sup>th</sup> street, accessible from southbound on Railroad Avenue or Main Street.

For a planned absence, please provide at least one week's notice if rescheduling is necessary. Should it be impossible to arrange a makeup lesson within the same week, the lesson will be considered lost.

Be aware that tuition is still payable for any lessons missed and that rescheduling opportunities may be limited.

Please be advised that for lessons conducted in your home, traffic may impact the start time.

**30-Day Cancellation Notice:**

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

**Supplies and Practice:**

Piano students must possess an instrument with 88 weighted keys and a functional damper pedal for regular practice.

**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, 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. 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

**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 for payment and standards.

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