

Piano Studio by Matthew Krell Music
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Studio Policies

Tuition and Payment

Tuition is calculated on a four-lesson basis, with each billing period structured as a block of approximately four weeks of instruction.

Invoices are sent before the first lesson of each cycle. Tuition payments are due by the first lesson of each billing period. Cash and checks are welcome. For digital payments, Zelle is preferred to avoid convenience fees. Payments are expected by the first lesson of the cycle. Should tuition remain unpaid by the end of the month, a \$20 late fee will be applied and lessons may be temporarily suspended until payment is received.

Charter Schools

For lessons administered through a charter school network, all fees listed below are waived to align with the network's billing policies. These lessons are billed at the "session rate" specified in the pricing document. This approach streamlines purchase orders and scheduling while remaining consistent with network procedures. Charter school sessions are conducted with flexibility in timing to accommodate the student's and family's scheduled time blocks, and are provided within the agreed-upon session duration.

Purchase Orders must be placed *before* the initial session is administered in alignment with the invoice schedule shared in the newsletter.

Registration & Materials Fees

For school-age students, an annual registration fee of \$95 covers core and supplemental materials. Any unused portion of this fee will be reimbursed at the end of the year. Additional material expenses, if needed, will be discussed with the payer in advance. Adult students are exempt from the annual registration fee. However, they are responsible for the cost of any necessary materials, either by purchasing them directly or by reimbursing the teacher after purchase.

Event & Travel Fees

Participation in festivals, examinations, competitions, or similar events will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Associated fees will be discussed in advance and billed separately for optional events.

A driving fee applies for in-home lessons, as outlined in the pricing chart. This fee is waived for lessons held at the teacher's studio, conducted via Zoom, or administered through a charter school.

Original Compositions and Materials

A fee applies for custom exercise sheets, arrangements, and original compositions to reflect the additional time invested in their creation. These materials are designed to enrich student learning and support specific educational goals. They are billed at the regular instruction rate based on the time required to create them.

Parking

Free parking is available in the parking structure on 9th Street, accessible from southbound Railroad Avenue or Main Street.

Attendance and Missed Lessons

Students are responsible for attending their weekly scheduled lesson times, which are treated as fixed appointments. Lessons falling on holidays are not deducted from tuition. Tuition remains payable for any missed lessons, including those due to illness, and rescheduling options are limited and not guaranteed. For planned absences, please provide at least one week's advance notice.

In-Home Lessons

For lessons conducted at your home, traffic conditions may occasionally delay the start time. Please note that this does not affect billing.

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.

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.

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

I have read, understood, and agree to the studio policies, billing procedures, and the Studio Pricing Chart.

Please SIGN and DATE below, then scan the signed document to: lessons@matthewkrellmusic.com

Signature

Date

Charter School Network Confirmation (if applicable)

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

Initials

Name of Charter School

Agreed Lesson Time

To confirm the regular weekly lesson(s) slot:

Day: _____ Time: _____ to _____

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