

Amy Watt Piano Studio Policy 2022-2023

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2022-2023 Piano Lesson Calendar

August 22, 2022	First day of fall lessons
October 5-11, 2022	Studio Closed
November 21-25, 2022	Thanksgiving Break- No Lessons
December 19, 2022- Jan 6, 2023	Winter Break- No Lessons
March 27-31, 2023	Spring Break- No lessons
May 19, 2023	Last day of lessons for the school year

Tuition:

For a student taking lessons during the full year, which consists of 33 weekly lessons, tuition will be as follows, broken into 9 equal payments: Below are the three different payment options. (Students who are beginners only and between the grades of K-2nd grade, may have the option of taking 30 min lesson. (All other students will take a 45 min or 60 min lesson).

Options

9 Monthly

2 Semester (3% disc.)

1 Full Year (5% disc.)

1. 30 min.
2. 45 min.
3. 60 min.

4. 60 min- A la carte - (High school – Adults only)

-For payments, I accept check, cash, Venmo, and Zelle. You may also use your bank's online bill pay service to mail me a check. This can save the hassle of writing and delivering or mailing a physical check.

-The studio operates on a tuition basis, not per lesson. This does not vary from month to month regardless of the number of lessons taught.

-Statements will be emailed with a reminder of current tuition charges as well as any additional event or extra material fees that are not covered in the yearly registration fee.

(If choosing to pay by the 2 semesters, Half-year's tuition is from Sept- Jan 13th and Jan 14th - May)

Registration Fee:

A non-refundable annual registration fee is due along with the first payment for lessons. (\$55/individual; \$85/family of two or more). This covers individual Repertoire, Theory pages, Sheet music, Technology, printing and all other overhead expenses for the year.

Media Release:

Photos of students, videos and audio recording of performances and activities may be posted online and used by the teacher for promotional and workshop materials. Identifying information will be excluded or limited to first names only. Students/parents wishing to exempt from any published media may do so by providing a written exclusion request. (See separate Media Release Form)

Practice Expectations:

For a student to progress in his/her music education, regular practice is essential.

*Students are required to practice at least 5 days per week. (Right after the lesson is the best time to practice since what he/she has learned that day is fresh in the mind).

*Parental involvement is very important for student success

- Please help your child to establish and stick to a practice routine
- Make sure that the piano is in a quiet space and is free from any distractions.
- All students must have an acoustic or digital piano for home practice. Digital piano should be full size (88 keys) and include: touch-sensitive, weighted keys, attached pedal, keyboard stand that does not move and bench at an appropriate height for the student.
- Acoustic pianos should be tuned at least once a year or more and kept in working order.
- If the student is a beginner or elementary, parent should follow up once or twice per week to see if he/she has completed assignments for that week.

Missed Lessons and Cancellations:

Students are expected to attend each weekly lesson.

When you register for lessons, your timeslot is reserved for you for the year. Due to the teacher's limited availability, there will be no makeup lessons and no refunds for missed lessons. If a student need to miss a lesson, you may choose from one of the makeup options below:

1. **Recorded lesson-** Teacher will record a short lesson with assignments given based on what the student would have been doing at the lesson that day. If possible, the student could send a recording of his/her pieces so the teacher could give feedback.
2. **Swap with another family-** families may opt to be a part of the swap list and may trade their lesson time. Please contact me if you are planning a swap with another student.
3. **Virtual lesson-** at another time that works for both teacher and student (only if student is sick
If I am sick or need to be gone, I will try to make it up or credit the lesson.

Discontinued lessons and dismissals:

If for any reason the student must stop lessons, the teacher requires one month's paid notice. The teacher retains the right to dismiss any student if any of the following situations persist:

- Uncooperative during lesson time
- Excessive absences
- Refusal to practice as requested on a regular basis
- Failure to pay tuition on time

Piano Studio Recital and Performances:

Students will participate in a winter and spring studio recital each year in addition to other performance opportunities. Recitals are important events that offer students a great sense of accomplishment and pride for their hard work. They help them learn the importance of setting and achieving short and long-term goals. This is also a chance for them to share with their family, friends and peers. Dates are TBA. Other performances include Multiple Piano Festival (Nov), National Federation (March), Achievement Day (May).