

Amy Watt Studio Policy

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Lesson Options

OPTION 1: K-1st GRADE GROUP

60 minute group lesson (maximum of 4 students)

60 minute group lesson.

OPTION 2: K-5th GRADE

60 minute lesson with "Off Bench Time" (2 students in studio)

30 minutes private lesson + 30 minutes "Off Bench Time." This consists of completing assignments on the ipad and/or digital piano that reinforces specific concepts.

OPTION 3: 5th-9th GRADE (discussed with Teacher)

Option #3A: 60 minute lesson with "Off Bench Time" (2 students in studio)

30 minutes private lesson + 30 minutes "Off Bench Time."

Option #3B: 60 minute private lesson

60 minute individual lesson.

OPTION 4: 9-12th GRADE

60 minute private lesson

60 minute individual lesson.

Tuition Information

Tuition is due the first lesson of each month.

For payments I accept **cash** or **check**. You may also use your **bank's online bill pay service** to mail me a check, saving the hassle of writing and delivering a physical check. If you would like to use online bill pay, please see the information on my website or ask me in person. 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 or current tuition charges, as well as any additional material or event fees. (Half-year's tuition is September-January 14 and January 15-May.)

Tuition includes not only the lesson time, but also preparation for lessons (lesson planning, creating resources, finding songs for each student), continuing education, professional memberships, studio expenses.

LESSON TYPE	Monthly Tuition	Half-year's Tuition (with 3% discount)	Full year (with 5% discount)
Option 1	\$86	\$375	\$735
Option 2	\$130	\$567	\$1,111
Option 3A	\$130	\$567	\$1,111
Option 3B	\$190	\$825	\$1624
Option 4	\$190	\$825	\$1624

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Group Piano Rep Classes

There will be various types of Group Classes offered throughout the year. These classes are optional and will be an additional fee. More information will be TBA.

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 student's lesson is the best time to practice since the information is fresh.)
- **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 the routine is free from any distractions
 - All students must have an acoustic or digital piano for home practice. The quality of the instrument plays a significant role in student's progress.
 - Acoustic pianos should be tuned at least once a year and kept in working order.
 - Digital pianos should be full-size (88 keys) and include: touch-sensitive, weighted keys, pedal, keyboard stand and bench of an appropriate height.

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 needs to miss a lesson, you may choose from one of the makeup options below:

1. Facetime lesson—we will meet at our regular time, just online!
2. Recorded video—I will record a video assignment during their regular lesson time and email it
3. 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.*

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

Media Release

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

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 term and long term goals. This is also a chance for them to share with their family, friends and other students. Dates are TBA.

Please see my website for other performances and festival details!