

STUDIO POLICY

Teaching Programs

We offer piano and general music instruction through two different teaching methods: the Suzuki Method and the Traditional Method.

Students 3 years old and above are accepted into the Suzuki program. This program is designed for students whose families are committed to accompanying the child to lessons and implementing the teacher's instructions and ideas for improvement at home. Emphasis is given to learning music by listening before learning to read it, similar to learning the native language. The traditional program is for students of all ages who want to be traditionally instructed and intend to read music from the beginning. Parents or caregivers are welcome to attend lessons but are not required.

Scheduled time

Lessons are available in 30-minute, 45-minute, and 60-minute slots.

Teaching time is scheduled to provide students with 36 lessons per year, from September to May. Additional lessons can be scheduled during the summer months, from June to August, depending on availability.

Tuition and Billing

Students pay tuition for 36 scheduled time slots throughout the year, which can be used for in-person and online lessons.

Lessons are billed in 9 equal monthly payments, from September to May, due on the first lesson of each month.

Payments can be made by check, credit card, or Zelle. Payments through Venmo are possible but discouraged because they are difficult to track once the money is transferred to the bank.

Registration and contract

At the start of every year, a Registration Form is emailed to the student. The payment amount is specified on the Registration Form.

The Registration Form is required to be filled out and sent back with the email subject changed to the family name, as a contract between the student and the teacher.

Missed Lessons and Rescheduling

Due to illness, sports commitments, or family travels, scheduled lesson times cannot be changed during the year. If a change of schedule is required for an extended period it can be honored upon the teacher's agreement.

If a student is ill but can play piano, the lesson can be done online.

If a student needs to miss a lesson, their time slot can be rescheduled within the same week, by texting or emailing the teacher.

If the teacher is sick and unable to teach or reschedule the lesson, a refund will be given to the students involved.

Quitting Lessons

If the need to quit piano lessons arises, the student or parents must communicate their decision to the teacher one month before the expected date.

The fee for that month is still expected to be paid. During this period, the student is welcome and encouraged to attend lessons as usual.

* For more on Suzuki's teaching philosophy go to <https://suzukiassociation.org/about/suzuki-method/>