

# MusicBach's Piano and Voice Lesson Policy 2022-2023

## Participation Expectations for Students

Students are expected to:

- Ask questions and try your best!
- Practice five days a week so you make notable progress in your pieces.
- Be prepared for lessons (with all books and completed theory or other projects).
- Keep fingernails trimmed short (should not extend past the end of the finger).
- Turn off cell phones during lessons.
- Participate in performance workshops, recitals (and conferences as needed)
- Lessons are held all year around

## Participation Expectations for Parents:

While most students are initially excited to begin piano or voice lessons, please be aware that they will face challenges and sometimes frustrations. As the initial enthusiasm is replaced by an awareness of the discipline and commitment required to attain skills, your encouragement and praise will be essential to your child's success.

Set aside a scheduled practice time for your child. It is important to budget time for practicing and to make it happen as a part of his or her daily routine. For example, you and your child might decide that each day after her afternoon snack she will practice for 30 minutes or that from 7-7:45am is her piano practice time. Many families report that practicing before school works well for them. Please try to supervise home practice sessions, making sure your child completes each assignment. Many children are not disciplined enough yet to manage practicing without your support.

You must have a piano or full-sized keyboard with 88-weighted keys, foot pedal and a bench at proper height in your home. A piano is strongly recommended as nothing can take the place of its touch and sound. If you have an acoustic upright or grand piano it should be tuned twice a year. Maintaining your acoustic piano is important. I can recommend a piano tuner/technician. A humidifier in the room with the acoustic piano helps to keep the instrument in tune for longer lengths of time. The piano should be located in a well-lit place that allows practicing to be done with as few distractions as possible (TV and other siblings).

## Services Provided

Private individual piano lessons are provided on a weekly basis with lesson times of 30, or 60 minutes and are held in the comfort of the students home. Lessons are conducted each week on a specific day and time, which is reserved for each student during the year. Enrolled students are encouraged to participate in Recitals that are held twice a year. Please prioritize these dates in your family's schedule if you're able.

## Cancelation/Missed Lesson Policy

There will be no makeup lessons provided if the student misses his/her scheduled time. There just isn't enough time to schedule those for everyone that cancels. This ensures that I will have a consistent schedule and budget for my business so I can STAY in business providing outstanding professionalism to you and your family. If the teacher misses a lesson you will be credited or a makeup lesson will be provided. Due to the nature of a traveling teacher I may be 10-15 minutes early or late due to unpredictable traffic. I'll usually send a message that I'm on my way between each students lesson.

## Obtaining Books and Other Necessary Supplies

• **Lesson Books / Music / Binder or Assignment Book** - I will send links for you to purchase these materials. At times I may have a few on hand I'll bring them to you and invoice you.

- **Metronome** - If you do not already own one, you will need to purchase a metronome or download a free metronome app within the first month of lessons.

- **Tablet or Apple Device** – Students benefit from playing along with audio tracks sometimes so I may ask that they get theirs out to listen to a song or view some digital music.

### **Media Consent**

Parent hereby consents to and authorizes MusicBach's Studio to capture and use video-audio recordings and photographic images of my child(ren) and/or his or her musical performance or quoted statements in print, electronic, or online media, for educational and promotional purposes only, and without any compensation to me or my child(ren). Students will not be personally identified without further parental permission.

I \_\_\_\_\_, agree/disagree with the media consent as presented above.

### **Tuition and Expenses**

- Lessons are \$150 a month for 30 minute weekly lessons.
- Invoices will be sent through Zelle or Venmo. Payment may also be made by check or cash and is due by the 1st of the month.
- A late payment penalty of \$20 will be assessed for tuition not received or postmarked by the 1st. A fee of \$35 will be charged for returned checks.
- The fee for recitals is \$40. They will be added to November and June's invoices before our Christmas and Summer Recitals respectively. The recital fees are **non-refundable**.
- Tuition is based on enrollment, NOT attendance, and reserves your student's exclusive lesson time throughout the session. Please reserve and prioritize this time in your family's schedule.

### **MusicBach's Studio's Holiday Policy**

There will be no lessons held during major school holidays such as Spring Break, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Break and Christmas Break. This allows most students to travel and make plans without the anticipation of lessons during this time. Tuition will NOT be credited for these holidays or makeup lessons scheduled.

### **Termination of Services Policy**

Regrettably, I will have to discontinue lessons if a student has an uncooperative attitude, persistently misses lessons, does not progress due to insufficient practice or fails to pay tuition on time. Other causes include, but are not limited to, any violation of this studio policy. For any reason, if you must stop lessons, please give as much notice as possible.

### **Contact Information**

Please feel free to email or call me. I am happy to discuss your child's progress and answer any questions you might have. I love hearing from you!

**Cell:** (229) 603-4315

**email:** bethblanton2010@hotmail.com

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### **Adherence Statement**

This Studio Policy is a legal contract made between MusicBach's Studio Student and Parent, on this date for the provision of private music instruction services to Student.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have received, read and understand the above guidelines pertaining to music lessons with Grace Note Piano Studio and agree to abide by its provisions, as a condition to Teacher providing music lessons to Student.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Student(s) Signature

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Date

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