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# Fredericksburg Piano Studio

## Studio Policy

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It is our sincere desire that my teaching and your support at home will form an effective team.  
By working together we can make music a wonderful, educational experience.

**Lessons are offered in a thirty-eight week session** from August to May. The number of lessons per month will vary. The studio is closed during major holidays and the week after National Guild Auditions. Our Summer Session is 8 weeks during June and July, unless otherwise arranged with the teacher.

**Recitals** are held twice a year, Fall and Spring, and small **group lessons** are held every 6 weeks. These activities are wonderful opportunities and of great benefit in expanding the musical understanding and abilities of students. Other performance and competition opportunities are available – please ask for more information.

**National Guild Auditions** are available every Spring for any student who wishes to participate. This is a non-competitive program that provides yearly goals and allows students to demonstrate proficiency in memorizing, technique, ear training, composition, improvisation, and performance. Students receive a report card, a special pin, and a certificate as a record of their success.

**Daily Practice**: please help your student set up a regular daily practice schedule to gain the greatest benefit from lessons. Each student should be responsible to set a timer for their daily practice and to review their music notebook. We recommend a minimum of 20 minutes daily time at the piano for beginners, and up to 1 hour (or more) for advancing students. Family involvement and support at home are most important. Please have your student bring all materials to their lesson every week.

**At the Studio**: you are welcome to be present at lessons for your child. If you are at a lesson please be aware that a student will need **COMPLETE QUIET** in order to obtain the most from that lesson. Only interrupt the lesson in case of an emergency, and please enter quietly if a lesson is in progress.

**Lesson fees** are the same amount every month and cannot be prorated. Fees are payable monthly and payment is due on the first lesson of every month. Returned checks are charged a bank fee of \$35. Lesson fees are not refundable and payment notices are not sent out. Payments received after the first lesson of each month will be charged a late fee of \$20.

**Make Up Lessons** may be arranged with 24-hour notice, if scheduling permits. We do our best to schedule make ups but it may not always be possible. Students who are absent without notice will forfeit their lesson that week. Please understand that lesson times cannot be 'resold'. You are agreeing to a specific date and time each week for which the teacher must be present. Late arrivals will result in shorter lessons.

**If lessons must be discontinued please be courteous and contact us as soon as possible** (two weeks prior). You will receive a bill for any borrowed and unreturned books/materials, payable upon receipt.

Please contact us with any questions, suggestions or challenges you or your student may have. We are happy to discuss your student's progress and look forward to working together on our exciting musical journey.

I have read and agree to the terms of this policy:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to learn piano, practice daily and do my best:

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_