

Albert Einstein was once asked how he discovered the Theory Of Relativity. He said, " I didn't discover it. I was listening to music and the whole thing dropped in."

Studio Contract 2026-2027

Please review these Studio Policies with your student. Both of you should sign and then keep this for policy reference if needed during the year.

STUDENT & PARENT GUIDELINES (6 yrs. to 11 yrs.)

1. Parents should help the student set up a regular daily practice schedule.
2. Parents, please review teacher notes with your student before each daily practice.
3. Students, please ask questions if you are unsure of anything.

STUDENT & PARENT GUIDELINES (12 years and up)

1. Parents will discuss, with the student's input, a regular daily practice schedule.
2. Students, please review the teacher assignment before each daily practice.
3. Students will create reasonable goals and complete assignments before the lessons.

PARENTS

1. Make sure your child is well rested, fed and hydrated.
2. Provide a quality, regularly tuned instrument.
3. Provide a quiet, cheerful practice area at home.
4. Encourage your student to review teacher notes and be responsible for material brought to lessons.
5. Assist your student, age 6 - 11 years, with home practice. Be encouraging and playful.
6. Age 10 and up, help your student create a practice plan and be there to encourage when things are difficult. Parental support is just as valuable with your advancing student!

ATTENDANCE & CANCELLATIONS

1. Consistent weekly attendance is expected. Your lesson time is reserved in the schedule exclusively for you.
2. If your student is a "no show" or a last minute NON-emergency cancellation to your reserved lesson, that lesson is lost.
3. For emergencies or illness, lessons can be made up. Please call or text 616-690-6887.
4. Other lesson changes require at least 48 hours for adjustments to be made.
5. **ONE** makeup lesson for non-emergencies may be scheduled per semester at a time convenient for both teacher and family.
If a student cancels more than once in a semester, (Aug.-Dec., Jan. - May) the teacher is not obligated to make up the lesson.
No reimbursements will be given for canceled or missed lessons.
6. **To quit the studio, please give one month's notice** to allow time to fill your lesson time. Thank you!

TUITION AND PAYMENTS

An Annual \$40 Non-Refundable Registration fee is required to hold your student's place in the studio.

Tuition is billed in advance, the 1st of each month for 10 months beginning August 1 through May 1:

30 min.- \$110/mo. 40 min. - \$140/mo. 60min. - \$208/mo

32 lessons are scheduled between the last week of August and mid-May. Exact dates change according to the year. 10 summer lesson times are available for students in the summer and can be flexible to accommodate camps, vacations and other summertime activities.

SUMMER LESSONS

Summer lessons are **calculated on a per lesson basis** with vacation days not charged. **A Minimum of six summer lessons are required to continue in the studio the following fall.** Keeping a regular weekly schedule is best for continued progress.

PARENT/CAREGIVER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT I have read these policies with my student and understand and agree to abide by them as long as we are studying music at the Sherry VanOveren "Piano in Action" Music Studio.

Caregiver Signature

Date

Student Signature-if applicable

Date