

Lovell Studios

Policy and Information

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Lessons

Private Piano and Vocal lessons are given on a weekly basis in 30 minute time slots. Lessons are expected to be prepared each week and students are encouraged to ask any questions that they may have between lessons by calling, emailing or texting me. Should parents have any questions concerning their student's lesson, calls, emails or texts are welcome at any time.

Attendance

The time scheduled for each student's lesson is reserved for his or her exclusive use; rescheduling is not guaranteed. Notification by the student of the inability to attend lessons does not excuse payment for the lesson, which must be paid for, whether taken or missed.

Performance Classes

Performance Classes are an opportunity for students to practice their performing skills. At this class, each student will be required to perform one piece that should be MEMORIZED. I will keep the performance classes small (10-15 students), and short (generally no longer than 1 hour). Dress for these classes is always casual and parents are welcome to attend, though it is not necessary. Performance Classes will be held in my studio unless otherwise indicated.

Recitals and Public Performances

Recitals give students the opportunity to perform for their family and friends in a more formal environment. Students will be required to perform at least one memorized piece. Recitals are a special occasion and students are asked to dress their best. Other public performance opportunities may arise throughout the year that students will be given the opportunity to participate in as well. These occasions vary and sometimes I will not have much notice before hand. So, I encourage all my students to always be prepared!!! Work hard and maintain your pieces so that you can be ready at a moment's notice!

Student Responsibilities

Students should arrive at each lesson punctually, well prepared with all assigned music, assignment book (for piano students) and CD (for vocal students). Because of scheduling, latecomers cannot be given extra time. Please do not bring friends with you to your lessons. Please practice daily (at least 5 days a week) without distractions. Vocal Students should practice through their CD and other music at least once each day. Beginning piano students should make it a goal to practice a minimum of 20 minutes each day (may be broken up into two 10 min. intervals), Intermediate students - 45 minutes, and Advanced students - an hour or more. If practice is done correctly, progress will be made quickly. Consistency of practice is very important.

Parent Responsibilities

Parents should support students fulfilling their responsibilities. Encourage progress by showing positive support. Signing your student's piano assignment sheet each week shows your involvement and lets me know that you are aware of how much practicing is going on at home. Take a few minutes each day to really listen to your student so that you can monitor their progress. Encourage at-home performances. Support and attend recitals and other public performances.

Tuition

Tuition is \$60 per piano student and \$60 per voice student each month. Payment for lessons is due before the 5th of each month. **Tuition that is paid after the 10th will be assessed a \$15.00 late fee.** (Invoices will be emailed out at the beginning of each month with the option of paying with PayPal.) Lessons will be given on a weekly basis. Some months have five weeks, some months four, and depending on school breaks, and holidays, some months have only three weeks. Tuition fees are the same for each month. I arrange my lesson calendar so that every student receives the same number of scheduled lessons each month. There will be no lessons taught on holidays, or school breaks. Payment is for time scheduled, not for lessons received. Parents are financially responsible even if their student does not show up for a lesson. **I do not offer credits for lessons that are missed.**

Other Expenses

Events: Entry fees for special events such as Festival of Music, AIM or the Clavinova Recital

Music: The cost of music books are **NOT** included in tuition fees. Payment for music is due by the following lesson.

Library Fee

Piano students will be required to pay a library fee of \$12.00 or \$30 for families of 3 or more, in September to cover the cost of assignment books and supplies.

Vocal students will be required to pay a library fee of \$20.00 or \$50 for families of 3 or more, in September to cover the cost of CD's, Back Tracks and other musical supplies.

My Music

I enjoy offering a wide variety of music to all of my students. Finding the right piece of music is key to the students' motivation. As a teacher, I feel it is important for students to be able to choose music that they enjoy. I ask that students take great care with those books that have been loaned out to them. If damaged or lost, you will be asked to replace them.

Re-evaluation of Contract

In the event of:

- * Repeated failure to attend lessons
- * Repeated failure to prepare for lessons
- * Behavior or attitude problems
- * Nonpayment of tuition or other expenses

- The student, parent and I will sit down together and re-evaluate the contract agreement and discuss the continuation of music lessons.

Withdrawal

At anytime, students wishing to withdraw from lessons may give two weeks notice and withdraw.

Contract

Students and parents must sign my studio contract each year, agreeing to the policies outlined in this instruction sheet. I will renew all student contracts every September.

As always, I am a work in progress. I am always trying something new to motivate my students and to improve my lessons. I appreciate the support I receive from my parents. You make such a huge difference in your students' progress. It is important to me that my students are enjoying themselves as much as possible! If at anytime you feel that something is just not working with you or your student, please talk to me about it. Each student is unique and learning takes place in many different ways! Thank you!!