

# Piano Studio Policies

## Larisa Simington, 2023-2024 Academic Year

### *Schedule:*

The instruction year runs from August 19, 2024, to June 12, 2025. This is the default term, and individual adjustments to this year may be agreed case by case.

### *Make-up Lessons:*

Lessons will be made up if the instructor is unavailable, or if the student is sick and an online lesson is not possible. For any other reason, please try to switch with other students on the studio public calendar (<https://larisapiano.com/home/lesson-calendar-2023-2024/>); I cannot guarantee free availability of make-ups.

### *Practicing:*

Daily practice is expected as a basic condition of study. The teacher and the student shall mutually agree as to acceptable standards and approaches to practicing, which may include the use of a metronome, recording, singing and theory exercises, etc.

A minimum of 15 minutes a day is required of all students; expectations are higher for older and more advanced students.

### *Payment and Fees:*

Price per lesson: The base rates for lessons are \$50 (1/2 hour,) \$75 (45 minutes), and \$100 (full hour.)

*Due dates:* Payment for each month shall be due on the date of the first lesson of each month. Payment may be made by cash, check to Larisa Simington, or online transfer via Venmo. Payment more than a week in arrears may be assigned a late fee of up to \$20 at the teacher's sole discretion. All fees are non-refundable.

*Materials:* Students are responsible for all required books and materials. Administration: An annual administration fee of \$50 will be assessed on all students for preparation, photocopies, research, and other administrative necessities, payable at the beginning of the school year. This is separate from pass-through expenses associated with recitals and exams.

*Termination:*

If there is less than one month's notice prior to termination at the student's request, up to four lessons (at the teacher's discretion) shall be deemed due and owing. The teacher will make reasonable efforts to mitigate damages by finding replacement students. No termination fees shall be charged if there is at least one month's notice prior to termination.

The teacher may dismiss a student permanently or for any period, at her discretion, for unpaid tuition, excessive absences, uncooperativeness or immaturity, or consistent lack of preparation.

*Performances and Competitions:*

Participation in studio recitals and individual competitions is discretionary for the student and their family, but highly encouraged. This will be discussed on an individual basis.

*Agreement:*

I have read and will comply with the above policies.

Parent/guardian signature/date:

Teacher signature/date:

<b>Student information</b>		
Parent/guardian name(s):		
Address:	City and State:	Zip:
Preferred phone number:		
E-mail:		
Student's name:		
Student's birthdate:		
Student's school/grade:		