

ZRE MUSIC STUDIO - 2023 Studio Policy

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

We will teach students the language of music in a positive, enthusiastic, and professional environment. It is always our goal to empower every student to realize their musical goals and potential, and we strive to align their education with their individual interests. We will tailor the curriculum to match each student's specific learning needs.

What we want students to desire and achieve:

- the joy of playing music as a lifelong hobby
- procedure; discipline; a commitment to practice and self-improvement
- an innate understanding of harmony, melody, and arrangement
- technique and physical connection to their instrument
- comfort with improvisation and experimentation
- awareness of the emotional, intellectual, & spiritual aspects of music study

STUDENT & FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

Students agree to arrive at each lesson punctually, well-prepared, and with their assignment books, music, and instrument.

A piano will be provided in the studio for piano lessons. To make good progress, daily quality practice is necessary. Parents of younger students are encouraged to attend lessons or to check in about assignments so that they may help keep their student on track. Please reach out anytime to ask questions about home assignments so that the student and parents can completely understand the assignments and goals.

Parents: If something is happening at home or school that is affecting your child please let your teacher know! The more information we have, the more we can be sensitive to the needs of your child.

All students are encouraged to play at the studio recitals, create their own compositions, and work towards multiple performance opportunities (festivals, adjudications, competitions, auditions, bands, solo recitals). If a performance opportunity arises, please bring information to the next lesson so that the teacher can help their student prepare.

Piano students should have clipped nails!

Students must have their own quality instrument to practice at home. If you have questions or would like input on the purchase of an instrument please let me know. We are happy to set appointments to meet the student and their family for instrument trials and to make specific recommendations.

TUITION AND SCHEDULE - FLAT MONTHLY RATE

**Please note that tuition reserves the weekly time slot, but may not directly correlate with lessons received if the student does not attend the scheduled lesson times.*

Flat monthly tuition rates are based on the number of guaranteed lessons in the full calendar year. There will be a minimum of 41 lessons offered throughout the year.

In the case that there is a 5th weekly lesson in the month, this has been factored into the flat-rate tuition. Pre-planned absences and holiday breaks have also been factored into the rate and will be communicated well in advance.

Tuition invoices will be sent by the 25th of the month prior for all enrolled students. Invoices are due by the 1st of the month. All payments are non-refundable.

Payment received after the 10th of each month is subject to a \$10 late fee.

You may enroll in an auto-payment from your debit or credit card on the 1st of each month in order to avoid late payment.

Recurring late payments may result in termination of the student's enrollment.

All payments are non-refundable.

Preferred methods of payment are credit card/Stripe. Cash or check are also acceptable. PayPal and Venmo will no longer be accepted starting September 2023. All automatic payments will be run through Stripe.

STUDIO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2023-24

Fall/Thanksgiving Break - November 22nd to November 28th

Winter/Christmas Break - December 24th - 30th

Lessons will be held on New Year's Day and all other 3 day weekend holidays (Memorial Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, etc). If you need to miss one of those days, please get in touch to reschedule in advance.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Lessons canceled with under 24 hours notice will not be provided a make-up lesson.

Lessons canceled with 24 hours notice will be credited a make-up lesson for that month, but not a reduction in payment. In general, only one make-up lesson will be awarded each month, but your teacher will always do their best to work with you on your schedule and situation.

If a student is ill, but still able to play, please don't cancel! We can switch a lesson to online via Zoom at any time.

In order to protect your teacher and other students, we ask that you switch your lesson to Zoom if you have the sniffles and might be contagious.

STOPPING LESSONS

In order to cancel tuition, written notification must be received via email 2 weeks in advance. In the case that notice is not received by that deadline, the full tuition amount will be run automatically on the first of the month, and students have the option to attend all paid lessons that month. Lessons will then cancel for the following month.

RESCHEDULING AND MAKE-UP LESSONS

Make-up lessons do not count as credit towards the next month's tuition.

Lessons canceled on our end will be given as much notice as possible and will be rescheduled within 30 days.

We have allotted for the year that 5 student absences and 4 teacher absences will not be able to be made up. In all other cases, we will strive to reschedule your lessons so that you receive full value for your tuition.

In the event that make-up lessons are too hard to schedule, we are able to provide a short instructional video as an alternative way to make up that week's lesson.

MUSIC & MATERIALS

This year, we are including books & materials in the tuition. Your teacher will give you new books when needed. This covers standard lesson books, technique books, songbooks, and

several digital apps. In some cases (for more advanced students), a more expensive book that the studio does not cover will be recommended. In that case, it's up to the student to decide whether to purchase the book.

We abide by copyright laws and will not be making photocopies of licensed sheet music. Please don't bring copied materials to your lesson. We do encourage students to visit a sheet music store and pick out their own favorite music to learn.

STUDENT COMMITMENT

When students enroll, they are essentially reserving their place in the studio for the entire year. Changes to weekly schedules may be made on a case-by-base basis each month before tuition is due. Please work to find a time slot that you can commit to on a long-term basis. Remember, you are signing up to be a "student of music" - this isn't just another after-school activity.

Please note that a student's spot will not be guaranteed for the fall term if they were not enrolled in lessons during the summer term.

Alternative lesson options (groups, workshops, camps, video exchanges) will be offered in the summertime in order to allow for family vacations while still reserving your spot in the studio.

PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE FORM

From time to time we use photos and short videos of students around the studio, on the studio website, or in social media posts. These videos and posts are encouraging to other students and helpful to other teachers. If you do not want your child's image(s) to be used, please let me know. In general, students love to see their pictures and videos on my website or on social media. They find it motivating and exciting to think that others want to know what they are learning. Students are identified only by first name.

By enrolling and paying tuition for myself/my child in ZRE Music Studio, I certify that I understand and agree to the studio policies for the 2023/2024 school year.