

Joanna Moody Piano Studio

Studio Policy

2024-2025

Thank you for choosing to begin or continue your child's music education! It is a joy in my life to watch your children learn, grow, and excel in their piano skills. I can't wait to see your child become a better musician and a better person because of the work we will do in music lessons.

Student and Parent Responsibilities: Students are expected to arrive or log on to lessons on time, well prepared and with all of their necessary materials. Students must have a piano in their own home so consistent practicing is possible.

For online lessons, please have your computer or tablet set up so I can have a good view of your child and your piano keyboard during the lesson. Please ensure that the lesson room is free of distractions, cell phone interruptions, food, other family members, etc. We want to create a comfortable and safe learning environment for the student to learn and grow.

Parents may attend lessons with their child according to the child's individual needs. Plan for an adult to stay with the child at least for the first few lessons, and then we can reevaluate after that.

Attendance and Practicing: As a team of teacher, parent, and student, our mutual goal is that the student learns to play the piano in the most effective manner possible. Student progress is dependent on consistent and careful practice, requiring 6-7 days of practice each week. Helping your child establish a daily habit and routine for practicing is a gift to them and the single most important key to successfully learning to play the piano. Prioritizing attendance at all lessons and classes is also crucial. If there is an ongoing concern with attendance or practicing, please reach out to me so we can find a solution together.

Missed Lessons: If your student needs to miss a lesson, please contact me as soon as possible to let me know they will be absent. A makeup lesson may be possible, but not guaranteed, if I am given at least 24 hours notice of the missed lesson. No makeup lessons will be given for "no-shows," late arrivals, or if I am not notified of the absence in advance. No monetary refunds or credits are given for missed lessons. I will offer a makeup lesson or issue a credit in the case of a technical problem on my end (for online lessons), or if I have an emergency and need to cancel. In-person students may request to attend a lesson online in case of bad weather or illness. 30-day written notice is required before discontinuing lessons.

Schedule: Fall semester runs Aug 12-Dec 20, and Spring semester Jan 6-May 16, with certain days off for holidays/school breaks. Fall semester includes 17 regular lessons, two performance classes, and a recital. Spring semester includes 18 regular lessons, one performance class, and a recital. Local students are also encouraged to participate in the NMTA Lincoln District Festival in the spring and other LMTA performances by invitation.

No lessons are scheduled October 10-16, November 25-30, and March 10-16. No regular lessons will be held the week of May 18-23, but this week is reserved for any needed makeup lessons. Please check the calendar in your My Music Staff student portal for the current schedule.

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Tentative Performance Schedule:

Performance Class, Monday, October 28 @ 6:00pm
State Festival, Saturday, October 19, exact times TBA
Performance Class, Tuesday, December 3 @ 5:00pm
Recital, Saturday, December 14 @ 10:00am

Performance Class, Tuesday, April 8 @ 5:00pm
District Festival, April 12, exact times TBA
Recital, Saturday, April 26 @ 10:00am

Tuition and Payments: Tuition buys your usual scheduled lesson time, plus the time I spend outside the lesson, such as planning, doing administrative work, and my ongoing teacher training. It also includes the performance classes and recital. There will be a fee charged for students participating in the festival.

Tuition does not include books or any other materials. I'll send you links for anything I want you to buy, or I can purchase materials to give you and put the charges on your invoice. We can also use anything you already own if it's a good fit for us.

Semester tuition will be invoiced on August 10 (due August 20) and January 10 (due January 20). Alternatively, ten monthly payments may be made August-May, invoiced the 10th and due the 20th of each month. The number of regular lessons and performance classes per month varies, but the monthly tuition payment remains the same.

Family Discount: Discount applies to tuition only and not materials. Discount applies only to one family member with the lowest tuition rate.

Two family members: 10% off second family member

Three family members: 15% off third family member

Four family members: 20% off fourth family member

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2024-2025 School Year Tuition:

Keyboard Games Book A Class (30-minutes, performance classes not required): \$325/semester Aug & Jan (\$25 savings) or \$70/month August-May

Keyboard Games Book B Class (45-minutes): \$500/semester Aug & Jan (\$25 savings) or \$105/month August-May

Private/Partner Combination Lessons:

Beginner: 25-minutes private and 15-minutes with a partner: \$675/semester Aug & Jan (\$25 savings) or \$140/month August-May

Intermediate: 40-minutes private and 15-minutes with a partner: \$950/semester Aug & Jan (\$25 savings) or \$195/month August-May

Advanced: 55-minutes private and 15-minutes with a partner: \$1225/semester Aug & Jan (\$25 savings) or \$250/month August-May

Flexible Private Lessons:

4 lessons will be paid up front. Missed lessons with at least 24-hours notice may be rescheduled or refunded. Invoices are sent monthly.

Flexible lessons will only be scheduled during non-peak hours (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM weekdays). No regular lessons will be held on weekends.

25-minute private lessons: \$29/lesson

40-minute private lessons: \$40/lesson

55-minute private lessons: \$52/lesson

A \$20 recital fee will be added for an adult student who would like to participate in the recital.

Tuition invoices will be sent by email through My Music Staff. Automatic payments may be set up with Stripe. Payments may also be made by cash, check, PayPal, Zelle, etc. Tuition increases may take effect at the beginning of the fall semester each year. I will notify you in advance.