

2026-2027 STUDIO POLICIES

At Schumann Piano Studio, I believe that with consistency, encouragement, and a strong partnership between student, parent, and teacher, anyone (child or adult) can succeed at the piano. The pursuit of music is considered a discipline, and requires consistent work to see success. My studio emphasizes enjoyment of this process in a supportive, structured environment. I work with students of all ages and experience levels, tailoring lessons to fit each individual's goals, interests, and learning style. A solid technical and musical foundation helps build confidence and long-term motivation at all levels, and my goal is to help every student find personal fulfillment at the piano.

My responsibilities include:

- creating individualized short and long-term lesson plans for each student
- devoting time and energy creating long term goals for each student
- teaching students how to complete efficient practice at home
- ensuring students have frequent & successful performance opportunities through semesterly recitals, festivals, and competitions
- holding students to a high musical standard while both having fun and expressing themselves
- encouraging students to find their musical voice through a complete study of all elements (classical, jazz, pop, theory, history, and aural skills)

Students' responsibilities include:

- committing daily practice time (the only true way to gain technical and artistic capabilities!)
- performing in fall and spring recitals, and any other events decided between the teacher and parents
- arriving on time for lessons with all required materials
- coming with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn!

Parents' responsibilities include:

- providing access to an 88-key weighted electric or acoustic instrument (mandatory for lessons)
- helping your child practice daily and effectively using assignment sheets
- providing a distraction-free environment for students to practice in at home
- helping your student be on time for all lessons and recitals

Practice Expectations: Consistent practice is required at Schumann Piano Studio. At the beginning of lessons, practice expectations will be set. Students can plan to spend 5-6 days a week at the piano, building eventually to approximately the length of their lesson time. Students (or parents, depending on age) will track practice on their weekly assignment sheet. Failure to practice over an extended period may result in the discontinuation of lessons.

Photo and Video Release: There are certain occasions in which your child's picture or video of a great performance may be posted on my website or used in an academic presentation. These are

solely for the purposes of encouraging others or to demonstrate my teaching in academic settings. There will never be any names attached to these, but if this poses an issue for your family, please let me know.

Attendance policy: Students can only be as successful as their consistency allows them to be, and all lessons and recitals are mandatory unless otherwise cleared with me. Lessons must be cancelled within 24 hours of the lesson time to be eligible for a makeup lesson. Without 24 hours notice, a makeup lesson is not provided. With notice, up to 1 make-up lesson credits can be provided each term (August-December; January-May), subject to availability. Makeup lessons do not roll over between fall, spring, and summer terms. Lessons cancelled by me will be given as much notice as possible and will always be rescheduled. If a student is feeling ill, lessons can be moved online to ensure students' consistency with weekly lessons.

Books, Materials, and Events: Books, materials, and event registrations will be billed through Fons. Recital fees will be billed on a need basis and average approximately \$30/recital. Bi-yearly recital participation is mandatory; TMTA Theory Test and NPMC Gold Cup performances are highly encouraged.

Tuition: Private lessons are based on a year-long commitment and will include 16 lessons for each semester and 8 summer lessons (40 total lessons each calendar year). There are no refunds for tuition. Before lessons begin, Dr. Schumann will provide a recommendation on lesson length; typically 30 minute lessons are recommended only for young students (PreK-2nd grade), while 45 and 60 minute lessons are most commonly suggested. There are no refunds for tuition. Tuition will be billed through Fons on the 1st of each month and is due on the 15th of each month. Failure to pay tuition in a timely manner without prior approval is grounds for dismissal from the studio. Scholarships are available on a need basis.

Tuition rates are as follows:

30-minute lessons: \$200/month

45-minute lessons: \$300/month

60-minute lessons: \$400/month

Discontinuing Lessons: Committing to piano lessons for at least a calendar year encourages strong habit building and allows teacher and student to find a suitable learning pace. However, lessons can be discontinued with written notice via email at least 30 days before the next tuition due date.

By enrolling and paying tuition in Schumann Piano Studio, I certify that I understand and agree to the studio policies for the 2026-2027 school year.