

# Heather Erickson Piano Studio Policy

## I desire to accomplish the following with my students:

- That they will find a love and passion for piano music in its entirety: playing, understanding, visualizing, reading, performing, listening
- That they practice to the best of their abilities
- That *they* even motivate themselves in furthering their own development in piano skills
- That we work together in harmony (no pun intended)
- That we will discover new things together in piano music
- That they discover enjoyment in learning, playing, *and* practicing
- That their abilities will surpass what even they expect
- That their knowledge of piano music be applied beyond playing, but in Music Theory also
- That they continue to raise their own personal goals as we divulge in the intriguing world of piano music
- That we have fun together in lessons
- That they have fun even in their personal practice

## I require the following of myself:

- To search for new ways to inspire my students (music technology included!)
- To find performing opportunities (recitals, competitions, jury ect.)
- To encourage growth inside and outside our lessons - in practice as well
- To help my students in every way possible to understand what is being taught and to respond accordingly in playing and understanding
- To honor Jesus my Savior and God my Father in my instructing, in my personal practice, and in my performing
- To also remain in a position of high quality in my own growth beyond my students

## I do request that my students:

- Be prepared to learn and progress (and to love it!)
- Be aware that I require practicing outside of my lessons
- Be ready to learn out of various curriculum including but not limited to methods such as Alfred Premier, Faber, Celebration Series, Thompson, et al.
- Be prepared in advance for weekly lessons
- Be courageous to participate in performances
- Be excited to venture into the world of music
- Have fun and enjoy what piano music has to offer as well as the effort

Lessons:

Lessons are either half of an hour, or a full hour depending on age/level/request per student. I will be making a commitment to the student’s success and I require the same level from you and your entire family. **I will be charging 4 lessons a month. If all 4 lessons are not attended there are no refunds.** This is to ensure progress and because my makeup policy was not being used correctly. I will do my best to accommodate, however 4 lessons a month will be charged. Three (3) missed lessons without valid explanations will be cause for terminating lessons.

Payment Policy:

I charge according to level and age of student. **I ask that each lesson be paid in full for the month ahead.** I also require payment for necessary materials that will be discussed prior to my purchase. Payment options are: cash, check, Venmo, Zelle or Apple Pay.

Checks: made out to Heather Erickson Studios

Venmo ID: @Heather-Erickson-44

Zelle email: heatherericksonstudios@gmail.com

Involvement:

I require weekly lessons and **practice of minimum of 5 days a week.** Weekly lessons ensure progress as does practice. **I expect that the assignments I give will be practiced and any theory homework be done in advance of next lesson.** I request that parents of students be involved in the growth and success of my student - get your money’s worth!! **I also require performance participation in the event of recitals.**

Contact:

At times, physical contact may become necessary during lessons, for instance as part of instruction in technique when I may move a student’s arm to correct form. In these specific cases, the intention and extent of physical touching will be explained by the me, the teacher and this is to clarify consent.

Yes, you have permission

No, no permission for contact

Social Media:

I occasionally take fun photos of me, my students, or me with my students and would like to request permission to do so and to post on my teacher studio’s social media. Please check yes if you would allow me to do so or no if you would not like me to post photos. At end of recital I usually take group photos so if you check no, please do not gather for group photos.

Yes, you have permission

No, no photos please

Agreement:

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_