

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.

Missed lessons are to be made known to me 24 hours before the missed lesson or a full lesson 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, Zelle, Venmo, PayPal, or Apple Pay.

Involvement:

I require weekly lessons and **practice of minimum of 5 days a week.** Weekly lessons ensure progress. **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.**

Agreement:

Signature of Student _____ Date: _____

Signature of Teacher _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent _____ Date: _____