

ASPIRING MINDS STUDIO POLICIES AND AGREEMENT

Philosophy Brief

Piano lessons can bring lifelong musical satisfaction when students have developed music literacy, proper technique, a well-trained ear and a thorough understanding of music theory. We aspire to create artistic excellence, comprehension through a growth mindset, and help students find personal fulfillment through the study of piano music.

Parent and Student Expectations

- *Regular and consistent practice
- *Participation in two annual recitals/events, offered in Fall and Spring
- *Communicate questions and concerns with teachers and/or administrators
- *Timely payment of tuition *Timely purchase of assigned books

Website and Books www.aspiringmindsfw.com

The teacher will recommend a set of lesson books and workbooks after meeting the student. The lesson materials your teacher refers will be listed on our website and linked to Amazon.com to help you make sure you are ordering the right book.

Recitals

Students are expected to participate in two recitals per year hosted either by Aspiring Minds or Fort Worth Music Teachers Association (FWMTA). Additional festivals, competitions, and theory tests are optional at an additional cost through FWMTA or Mid-Cities MTA. This year's Aspiring Minds Duet recital will be held Saturday, December 14, 2019, Saturday April 4th, 2019 and Saturday, May 2nd, 2019 at the Fossil Ridge High School Fine Arts auditorium.

Annual Enrollment Fee

An annual fee of \$40 per family, due on September 1, includes participation in both recitals, including facility rental, piano tuning, insurance coverage, refreshments and student gifts, and teachers' supplemental materials. The annual fee does not include lesson books.

Practice Space and Materials

Students must have a well-lit area free from distractions to fully concentrate during lessons and practice time. Students should have a metronome, pencils, a piano bench for the student, a chair for the teacher, and a music bag or bookshelf to keep materials organized. A notebook or a binder with loose-leaf paper is needed for the teacher to write lesson plans, practice notes, and assignments.

Instrument

A properly maintained instrument with 88 weighted keys is required for lessons.

Lesson Schedule

During the school year, we use a 40-week calendar from September 1st – May 24, during which we bill for 34 lessons, with no charge for four Holiday/Vacation weeks (see below). For a visual calendar, please refer to the “Calendar” page at www.aspiringmindsfw.com. Once a teacher is assigned, s/he will communicate with you to find a mutually suitable weekly lesson time for the entirety of each semester.

Holidays/Vacation

There will be no lessons during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas (two weeks), and Spring Break - unless makeup lessons are mutually agreed upon. In the case that you or the teacher are absent the week of lessons before Christmas, the lesson may be made up during the first week in January. Please refer to the “Calendar” page at www.aspiringmindsfw.com.

Summer Semester Lessons

To maintain progress and guarantee registration in the Fall, students are expected to take a minimum of six 30-minute lessons, five 45-minute lessons, or four-Hour lessons. Summer scheduling is flexible in order to accommodate vacation, camps, etc. Your teacher will arrange a custom schedule with you prior to each month and will communicate it to us, and you will be invoiced accordingly. Late Payment Fees (see below) still apply during summer months.

Due Dates and Late Payment Fees

Tuition payments are due, *or must be postmarked*, on the 1st of each month, quarter, or semester. Invoices will be sent exactly 7 days before the due date. For example, the bill for October lessons will be sent on September 24. Payment for October lessons is due October 1, and if payment has not been received by the 7th of the month, a \$15 late fee will be assessed with no options for refund.

Lesson Cancellation, Rescheduling and Make-Up Lessons

Makeup lessons are not guaranteed: the appointment time has been reserved expressly for your lesson. With minimum advance notice of 1 week for a schedule conflict, the teacher may be able to reschedule the lesson for another time. In the event of illness or emergency, the instructor may offer a make-up lesson.

Occasionally, a teacher may have prior professional commitments such as a concert to perform in, which will be communicated to you well in advance, to reschedule. The instructor is required to make up any lessons s/he misses due to other professional commitments.

Termination and Refunds

There is no early termination fee. However, if you wish to discontinue lessons at any time, 2-week's advance notice must be given to the teacher and the administrators. For example, if you wish to stop lessons in February, the instructor and administrator must be notified by January 18. Notice only to the instructor is not sufficient for withdrawal. No refunds will be offered for early termination not communicated to both the teacher and the administrators.

Costs Per Lesson: Price includes travel to your home.

30 minutes: \$31.75 (recommended for young beginners 2nd grade to intermediate)

45 minutes: \$45 (recommended for older beginners, intermediates, and advanced)

60 minutes: \$57 (recommended for older beginners, intermediates, and advanced)

Payment and Discounts

A discount of \$1 per lesson is offered for paying by check, or 5% off for paying the semester or school year in full by check. If you are registering more than one sibling and they are taking more than 60 minutes of lesson time, contact us.

Select your preferences below:

- 30-Minute Lessons (34 Lessons): \$120 per month / \$1,088 total*
- 45-Minute Lessons (34 Lessons): \$170 per month / \$1,530 total*
- 60-Minute Lessons (34 Lessons): \$215 per month / \$1,938 total* *Amount does not reflect Recital/Enrollment Fees, Books, or Discounts

- Monthly Payments Due on the 1st of Each Month
- Semester Payments Due September 1 and January 4 (5% discount off of total)
- Full School Year Due September 1 (5% discount off of total)

- Credit/Debit
- PayPal
- Auto Pay (Credit/Debit)
- Check by Mail (\$1 off each lesson)

By signing below, you are indicating that you have read, understand, and agree to all the terms and conditions stated herein by Aspiring Minds Music Lessons, LLC.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Name

Printed: _____ Date: _____

Student Name(s) and Birthday(s):
