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**Tuition:** Tuition is based on a 48-week year, which is distributed into 12 equal monthly payments equivalent to 4 lessons. At times during the year student accounts may be ahead or behind a week or two due to the lesson day, the number of weeks in the month, studio holidays, and/or teacher cancellations. The teacher will maintain a record of lessons paid vs. lessons taken, and should student accounts end up ahead or behind at the end of the calendar year, they will either be refunded the overage or billed the shortage. Depending on the year, students with Monday lessons may be required to schedule a make-up lesson in order to reach their 48 weeks.

**Tuition Rates**

\$23.00/30-minute lesson (\$ 92.00 per month)  
\$33.00/45-minute lesson (\$132.00 per month)  
\$43.00/60-minute lesson (\$172.00 per month)

**The studio will be closed on the following days:**

Spring Break (one week)  
Memorial Day  
Fourth of July  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving (Thursday and Friday)  
Christmas/New Year's (two weeks)

The studio will remain open on Halloween, but students can reschedule using their rescheduling option if they have it available (see #2 below).

**Payment:** Tuition is collected monthly via PayPal. Tuition payments should be initiated by the first of the month and should be processed as a "friends and family" payment, not a "goods or services" payment. A late payment fee of \$10 will be charged if payment is not received by the second lesson of the month. Payment for any year-end balance (in the event of tuition shortage) should be initiated by December 15th.

PayPal: There is no fee if you use your PayPal account or bank account. There is a 2.9% + \$0.30 per transaction fee if you use your debit or credit card (which makes \$92 monthly tuition \$94.97).

**Attendance:** A student's tuition essentially reserves a weekly appointment on a regularly scheduled day and time, therefore students should make every attempt to keep their appointment. With this understanding, the following situations may still occur:

1. *Cancellations due to illness/emergency* - Parents/Students should notify me as soon as possible and lessons will be rescheduled or refunded at my discretion.
2. *Cancellations for reasons other than illness/emergencies* – These are non-refundable missed lessons, but out of courtesy, parents/students should notify

## Studio Policies

- me 24 hours in advance. As a studio courtesy, students will have the option of rescheduling one lesson per semester as long as 24-hour notice is given.
3. *Teacher cancellations* - If I cancel a lesson I will notify you as soon as possible and lessons will be rescheduled or refunded at my discretion. Lessons are rarely cancelled due to inclement weather.
  4. *Tardies* - If students are up to 15 minutes late, their lesson will end at the regularly scheduled time. If students are more than 15 minutes late, their lesson will be considered a non-refundable missed lesson.
  5. *"No shows"* - Forgotten or "no show" lessons are non-refundable missed lessons.
  6. *Discontinuing lessons* – Students wishing to discontinue lessons are required to give one month's paid notice (four lessons). Students may attend or forfeit these lessons.

Parents/Students may contact me via e-mail, phone, or text message, however given the sometimes unreliable nature of texting, if I don't reply prior to the regularly-scheduled lesson, please contact me again to ensure that I received the text so that the student will be eligible for a rescheduled lesson (if applicable).

**Summer Lessons:** Summer lessons are strongly encouraged and scheduling/attendance is more flexible. Information regarding the summer session is available each May.

**Music Purchases:** Music is provided by the teacher as needed and reimbursement is due with the following month's tuition. A 10% handling charge (includes tax) will be added on. Students should handle any teacher-owned music with care. Music that is damaged/lost will be charged to the student with the following month's tuition. Students are always encouraged to browse for supplemental music on their own.

- Luyben Music (816) 753.7111 [4318 Main St. \(just north of the Plaza\)](#)
- Meyer Music (913) 491.6636 [11890 W. 135th St. \(133rd and Quivira\)](#)
- Online Merchants:  
[pianoatpepper.com](#)  
[primamusic.com](#)  
[sheetmusicplus.com](#)

**Lesson Expectations:** Students are expected to be on time to all lessons and to have/bring all needed books and materials. Students should have all assignments from their weekly assignment sheet prepared/corrected. *Lessons* are not *practices* - practice is homework while a lesson is a performance. In order to reduce distractions, parents/siblings are asked not to sit in on lessons.

**Practice Requirements:** Piano practicing should be more *goal-oriented* than *time-oriented*. However, minimum daily practice time should be approximately the same as the length of the lesson. Also note that theory or other written work should be completed in addition to daily practice time. Students may be asked to keep a record of daily practice time on their weekly assignment sheet.