

Welcome to Rhapsody Keys Piano Studio! Here's some basic information about how the studio operates and what your student can expect with each lesson. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to ask! Thank you for your interest in my studio!

PAY AS YOU GO. Payment is due at the time of the lesson. I do not bill in advance, and prefer not to be paid in advance. This eliminates a significant amount of administrative time for me and makes your life much simpler, as you don't have to worry about missed lessons, carry forward credits or makeup lessons.

SCHEDULING LESSONS. You can schedule up to a month's worth of lessons at a time. I will always hold your day and timeslot open, assuming you will be scheduling the same time and day each month. If you need to change the day and/or time, I can accommodate you as long as I have an opening on the day and time you need. I'm open on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings.

CANCELING LESSONS. Please give me a minimum of 24 hours notice (text or email), so I can plan another activity during your student's lesson timeslot. And please cancel if your student is sick. Even if it's the day of the lesson. There is no penalty for canceling a lesson or having to miss a few lessons. Vacations, school commitments, holidays, family activities, emergencies can all impact scheduling, and are considered a part of normal life. Obviously your student will accel and learn faster the more consistently they can practice and come to lessons. And repeated cancellations create a lack of consistency that will seriously impede the learning process. Consistency and commitment are required to learn a musical instrument.

PAYMENT IS MADE IN CASH, CHECKS OR THROUGH MY SECURE WEBSITE PORTAL. Here is the link to my website payment portal. (credit card or Google Pay) <https://rhapsodykeys.com/lesson-info>

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES ARE PURCHASED BY THE STUDENT. I will recommend books and supplies on an as needed basis. Most can be purchased through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [Sheetmusicplus.com](https://www.sheetmusicplus.com)

TEACHER EXPECTATIONS. I expect the student to practice their assignment each day for at least 15 minutes (beginners), up to 30 minutes for students farther along with their piano studies. Obviously some days might be missed due to other commitments, but frequently skipped days will equal zero progress. So the more consistent practice is, the more skills will improve. Students should bring a notebook to class along with their books. The notebook will be used to write down their assignment, so it should be dedicated to piano lessons and not used for other purposes. A Composition Book is great and inexpensive.

I do not offer recitals but I will help prepare the student for a performance and/or a national piano exam. (*Piano exams require a different curriculum and more lesson time. Please feel free to ask if you are interested.*)