

A Joyful Noise Piano Studio Policy

2026-2027 Fall/Spring Sessions (August 17, 2026 through May 21, 2027)

Parent & Student

Congratulations on your decision to learn about music and the piano. I promise that you will leave each lesson with a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment. Music is a powerful tool that will stay with you forever. Over the next 10 months, you will be exposed to a well-rounded musical education that includes an understanding and application of the following...note reading, rhythm, ear training, music history, music theory, and exposure to various genres and styles of music and performance.

When you arrive for your lesson, please enter and sit quietly in the waiting area. Please supervise any siblings that accompany you. Please take any phone calls outside. ***You are welcomed and encouraged to observe your child's lesson.*** As I understand that this may not always be possible, I will be able to provide you with a brief overview of what occurred during the lesson once it has ended. I am also available to answer your questions and to discuss any concerns you have via phone call, text, or email during my regular office hours.

Participation Expectations for Students

Students are expected to:

- Ask questions and try your best!
- ***Practice 5-6 days during each week so you make notable progress with your pieces.***
- Be prepared and on time for your lesson (with all books and completed theory or other projects).
- Participate in all scheduled recitals.

Participation Recommendations for Parents

While most students are initially excited to begin piano lessons, please be aware that they will face challenges and sometimes frustrations. As the initial enthusiasm is replaced by an awareness of the discipline and commitment required to attain skills, ***your encouragement and praise will be essential to your child's success.***

Set aside a scheduled practice time for your child. It is important to budget time for practicing and to make it happen as a part of his or her daily routine. ***Please supervise home practice sessions, making sure your child completes each assignment.*** Many children are not disciplined enough yet to manage practicing without your support.

It is **necessary** that you own or have regular access to an **acoustic or digital piano, or a 61+ keyboard at least semi-weighted keys and a sustain pedal**. An acoustic or digital piano is strongly recommended as nothing can take the place of its touch and sound. If you need help with selecting an appropriate option, please let me know. I will be more than happy to offer my recommendations and/or opinions.

Instructor Responsibilities

It is a joy for me to foster creativity and confidence in my students. They will leave their lessons with a sense of accomplishment and fulfillment. Music is a lifelong journey, and therefore in lessons we will celebrate all of the successes and learn from the mistakes. I will encourage students to practice, focus, and be the very best they can be. I will do my very best to ensure that each student receives a **well-rounded musical education that includes, but is not limited to, an understanding and application of skills such as note reading, rhythm counting, ear training, music history, music theory, exposure to various genres and styles of music, group lesson opportunities, and performances**. I will encourage students to reach outside their comfort zones and do things that challenge them, while maintaining a respectful, compassionate, and supportive learning environment.

Attendance Requirements

Private individual piano lessons are provided on a weekly basis with lesson times of 30 or 45 minutes. Lessons are conducted each week on a specific day and time, which is reserved for each student during the Session. Please make these days available in your family's schedule. When possible, please schedule sports and other extracurricular activities on days other than the student's scheduled lesson day and time. When your student is tired and/or overstimulated, it makes it difficult for him/her to focus and retain information. **If you are unable to attend your scheduled lesson, please notify me as soon as possible.**

Rescheduling Policies

I will do my best to schedule a make-up lesson for your student if needed. Please know that I carry a full student load (25-30 students) and make-up lesson availability is factored into the studio schedule. I schedule make-up lessons on a needs-only basis. Each student is guaranteed his or her regularly scheduled lesson each week unless the teacher is severely ill or Fountain-Fort Carson District 8 Schools and Widefield District 3 have cancelled for dangerous weather.

Tuition and Expenses

A Joyful Noise Piano Studio runs much like a private school and tuition is based on an average for the entire scheduled school year. Tuition is divided into equal monthly payments and based on enrollment, not attendance, thus reserving your student's exclusive lesson time throughout the school year whether or not he/she attends each lesson. **There is no reduction in tuition for the months that have scheduled breaks such as seasonal holidays and spring break.**

Due to age and attention span, students ages 4 to 11 years old do best with 30-minute lessons whereas those 12 and older benefit from 45-minute lessons. Students will be registered for the appropriate time slot under this policy.

A one-time supply fee of \$20 per student is due at the time of registration.

I offer a 10% monthly tuition discount for military families or for families who have more than one family member enrolled as students.

Tuition may be made by check, cash, credit card or EFT (Venmo) and is **due by the 5th of each month unless other arrangements have been made and agreed upon. Please note that there will be an assessed charge of \$35.00 for returned checks.** I understand that life can bring about unexpected expenses, and will do my best to be accommodating so that your student(s) can pursue their lessons. Receipts will be issued for cash and hand-delivered checks if requested. Tuition reserves your student's exclusive lesson time throughout the session. Please reserve and prioritize this time in your family's schedule. **I do not issue refunds for any reason.**

- ☐ **30-minute lesson @ \$80.00 a month beginning on _____ to _____**
- ☐ **45-minute lesson @ \$90.00 a month beginning on _____ to _____**
- ☐ **10% Military or Multi-Family Member Discount: _____**

Included with Tuition

Tuition covers the actual lesson time spent with the student as well as all preparation and supplies (except piano or keyboard for at-home practice) needed for success. In addition to the lesson time, here's a list of what is included with your monthly tuition payment:

- 5 group lessons
- Individual monthly written progress updates
- Development and creation of teaching materials
- Instructor's training and experience
- Recital preparation and repertoire planning
- Sheet music, method books, theory materials, teaching resources, and prizes (*see Use of Studio and Third-Party Materials below*)

Use of Studio and Third-Party Materials

Throughout the term, I provide students with sheet music, worksheets, handouts, reference materials, teaching aids, and other educational resources as part of their lessons. Some of these materials are my own original creations, while others are created by composers, publishers, teachers, and other third parties and are provided under licenses that allow me to distribute them to my students.

Any materials provided to you or your student are yours to keep and use for your student's personal music education. However, receiving a copy of these materials does not include permission to reproduce, share, distribute, sell, or transfer them to another person.

Please do not copy or reproduce these materials, in whole or in part, without prior written permission from the original content owner. This includes, but is not limited to, photocopying, scanning, faxing, photographing, video recording, screen capturing, printing additional copies, emailing or messaging electronic copies, uploading materials to websites, social media, or shared storage, or otherwise sharing or distributing them in either physical or electronic form.

These restrictions apply to both printed and electronic materials and continue to apply after your student is no longer enrolled with A Joyful Noise Piano Studio.

Please help me support and respect the composers, authors, publishers, educators, and other creators whose work helps me provide your student with a well-rounded musical education. If you are ever unsure whether a particular item may be copied or shared, please ask me before doing so.

Recitals

Recitals are a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with other students and foster friendships through their music. The recital environment is warm and supportive. Students are never forced to attend or participate in the recitals, but I do strongly encourage participation as students almost always have a positive experience and it is a fantastic educational opportunity to learn and grow as a musician. I schedule 2 recitals in the school year, one during the winter holiday and then one at the end of the school year. **Recitals will be held provided there is sufficient student enrollment to support the event.**

Group Lessons

Throughout the school year, I hold 5 group lessons that can be attended by any student that is registered with the studio. This lesson is included with your monthly tuition. Group lessons are a wonderful educational opportunity to review and reinforce musical and performance concepts that are taught during the weekly lessons. The positive energy that group lessons provide is extremely beneficial for individual growth as a musician. Students leave these classes with more knowledge and peer connections, and therefore students are strongly encouraged to attend when possible. Group lessons are scheduled in advance and are usually the last Saturday of the month.

School Year Lesson Calendar

A Joyful Noise Piano Studio uses the Fountain-Fort Carson School District 8 school-year calendar as a guide, and follows their inclement weather closure policies. The recital and group lesson dates are planned and reserved in advance, so please take note of them and add them to your family calendar when possible.

Occasionally, I need to cancel a lesson for sickness or personal reasons. I have included 5 flex days in the studio calendar for instructor absences. Any other cancellations beyond the 5 flex days or for excessive closures due to weather, I will try to provide make-up lessons, or Zoom lessons. **Please note that I do not issue refunds for any reason.**

Calendar of Studio Closures

- Monday, September 7th 2026- closed for Labor Day
- Wednesday, November 11th 2026- closed for Veterans Day
- Mon-Fri November 23-27 2026- closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 21st 2026-January 3rd 2027- Closed for Christmas break
- December 29th-30th 2026- available days for make-up lessons
- March 22nd-26th 2027- closed for Spring Break
- Friday May 21st 2027-last day for lessons
- May 25th-27th 2027-available days for make-up lessons

Calendar of Studio Events

- Saturday, September 26th 2026- group lesson Classical Composer/music history
- Saturday, October 24th 2026- Halloween party/mini recital
- Saturday, December 18th 2026- Christmas Recital (contingent upon adequate enrollment)
- Saturday, January 30th 2027- group lesson Back to Basics Chords & Scales
- Saturday, February 27th 2027- group lesson Classical Composer/music history
- Saturday, April 24th 2027- group lesson Rhythm and technique
- Saturday, May 22nd 2027-End of year Recital (contingent upon adequate enrollment)

Media Consent

Parent hereby consents to and authorizes **A Joyful Noise Piano Studio** to capture and use video-audio recordings and photographic images of my child(ren) and/or his or her musical and performance or quoted statements in print, electronic, or online media, for educational and promotional purposes only, and without any compensation to me or my child(ren). Students will not be personally identified without further parental permission.

I, _____, agree/disagree with the media consent as presented above.

Termination of Services Policy

Regrettably, I will have to discontinue lessons if a student has an uncooperative attitude, persistently misses lessons, does not progress due to insufficient practice or fails to pay tuition on time. Other causes include but are not limited to, any violation of this studio policy. **For any reason, if you must stop lessons, please give a 30-day notice.**

Contact Information

Please feel free to email or call me. If you need to miss a lesson, please notify me as soon as possible. I am happy to discuss your child's progress and answer any questions you might have. I love hearing from you!

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Adherence Statement

This Studio Policy is a **legal contract** made between **A Joyful Noise Piano Studio**, Student and Parent, on this data for the provision of private music instruction services to the Student.

I, _____, have received, read and understand the above guidelines pertaining to music lessons with **A Joyful Noise Piano Studio**, and agree to abide by its provisions, as a condition to Teacher providing music lessons to Student.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Financial Arrangement Addendum

Alternate payment agreement:

\$ _____ to be paid upon _____

\$ _____ to be paid upon _____

Date of Agreement: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Instructor Signature