

# STUDIO POLICIES

## Tuition Packages

Both private and group lessons are divided into three yearly packages: Fall Semester (16 lessons), Spring Semester (18 lessons), and Summer Session (8 lessons).

Tuition is to be paid at the beginning of each semester or in two equal installments on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> lesson of each semester. Summer tuition is due in full at the first lesson of the summer term. If parents have multiple students enrolled, a monthly installment may be negotiated at the teacher's discretion.

## Parent and Student Expectations

1. ***Encourage daily practice.*** Students will not progress without extra time spent at home. Music is like a language: a child cannot learn to read proficiently if they only spend 30-minutes a week studying it. Make sure to read the assignment book with your student, and remind them to hit the bench at least 5 days a week!
2. ***Be punctual!*** Please make payments and bring students to lessons on time. A 30-minute lesson is barely enough time for all the material we need to cover.
3. ***Communicate with your teacher.*** Let your teacher know if you have any concerns about practice, repertoire, recitals, etc. We want to make sure we are on the same page. Feel free to come in during the last five minutes of your child's lesson to get a weekly report, or send questions via email!

## Attendance

Because of the high volume of students each teacher is managing, **no private make-up lessons are guaranteed.** If your teacher is given enough notice, she may move your lesson at her discretion. For valid absences (illness, family emergency) each student is entitled to one group make-up lesson at the end of the semester. Please see our calendar for group make-up days at <http://parkerpiano.com/calendar.html>. Also, feel free to trade lessons times with another student!

## Recitals and Festivals

All school-aged students are expected to participate in at least *two recitals per year*. Festivals, competitions, and theory testing are optional. See calendar for dates.

## Summer

**All students are required to enroll for the summer session in order to hold your spot with the SAME TEACHER the following fall.** Should you choose not to enroll for summer lessons, your teacher's available time slots will most likely be filled with a new student. Of course your child may still register for fall lessons, but will most likely be switched to a different teacher.

Summer scheduling is extremely flexible in order to accommodate vacations, camps, etc. For example, your 4 hours of lessons – generally scheduled as eight 30-minute lessons – can be scheduled as six 40-minute lessons or even four 60-minute lessons. You could also schedule multiple lessons in the same week!

**Your student's time slot does not automatically remain the same from year to year, but enrollment is opened on June 1<sup>st</sup>** to all participating summer students on a first-come first-serve basis. Enrollment will be opened on August 1<sup>st</sup> to any returning students.