

McKinney Music Studio Policy

Policy effective July 6, 2021

Expectations

For PIANO LESSONS:

Each student must have a piano at home, with maintenance and tuning at least once per year, a metronome, and specific time set aside daily for practicing between lessons. Students will be provided with a 3-ring binder to bring to lessons for assignments, printouts, articles, etc.

For HORN LESSONS:

Each student must have his or her own horn, a metronome, and specific time set aside daily for practicing between lessons. If the school band director provides an instrument, we will use that horn for lessons as well. Students will be given a 3-ring binder to bring to lessons for assignments, printouts, articles, etc.

Parental support is essential for the success of young students. Parents are requested to accompany their young children to lessons whenever possible, and to assist them at home with their practice, by providing both ample time and suitable space to play uninterrupted and without distractions, and with positive encouragement.

Student Agreement

The student agrees to:

1) Practice daily (5-7 days a week), 2) Keep a record of practice times, 3) Prepare the complete lesson assignment each week, 4) Keep nails trimmed short for piano, 5) Attend and perform in studio recitals and workshops.

Attendance

Attendance is expected at each weekly lesson.

Students may choose to have their lessons **ONLINE** on Muzie Live or on a **HYBRID** schedule with the 1st lesson of each month IN PERSON and the remaining lessons of the month ONLINE on Muzie Live. This HYBRID schedule is subject to change with notice from the studio.

All GROUP lessons and UMT Theory Club Classes will be held ONLINE on either Zoom or Muzie Live.

There are no make-up lessons or refunds for cancellations or "no-shows" made by students. A student's lesson time is reserved just for that student each week, and tuition is calculated with the expectation that absences will happen.

Since some scheduling conflicts are unavoidable, if you need to cancel a lesson, *with prior notice*, you may *first* contact the instructor by phone, text, or email. You will be offered another ONLINE lesson spot if one becomes available within two weeks of your regular lesson, OR you will be given a pre-recorded video lesson if no lesson time becomes available within those two weeks.

All rescheduled lessons must be taken within TWO WEEKS of the original lesson date. If you cancel a lesson without first requesting one of the options above at the time of cancellation, or if you are a no-show, then the lesson is forfeited.

If the instructor cancels a lesson, and no flex weeks remain: that lesson will be made up at a mutually convenient time, and a bonus lesson will be offered as well, or a refund or credit will be issued.

Tuition Payment

Following are the MONTHLY tuition rates for all lessons and classes August 23rd, 2021-June 3, 2022. Tuition payments are billed automatically according to the schedule you choose (Monthly, Semester, Annually), using the [Fons app](#).

Tuition Rates

PRIVATE LESSONS

ONLINE or HYBRID PRIVATE 45-min weekly: \$138/mo

ONLINE or HYBRID PRIVATE 60-min weekly: \$184/mo

Special rates:

ONLINE or HYBRID PRIVATE 30-min 2x week: \$175/mo

ONLINE or HYBRID PRIVATE 30-min weekly: \$99/mo (Horn only)

GROUP LESSONS

Online GROUP 45-min weekly: \$75/mo

Online GROUP 60-min weekly: \$99/mo

ULTIMATE MUSIC THEORY CLUB CLASS

60-min weekly ONLINE GROUP: \$99/mo

COMBINATION SUBSCRIPTIONS

Combination PRIVATE lesson + UMT Club class (All-In-One Discounted Tuition)

30-min PRIVATE lessons PLUS UMT Club Class: \$188/mo

45-min PRIVATE lessons PLUS UMT Club Class: \$225/mo

60-min PRIVATE lessons PLUS UMT Club Class: \$268/mo

Combination GROUP lessons + UMT Club Class (All-In-One Discounted Tuition)

45-min GROUP Lessons PLUS UMT Club Class: \$174/mo

60-min GROUP Lessons PLUS UMT Club Class: \$198/mo

Billing Cycle

Annual tuition can be paid on your choice of the following schedules:

1. ONE annual payment billed on AUGUST 15th,
2. TWO semester payments billed on AUGUST 15th and JANUARY 15th, or
3. TEN equal monthly payments billed on the 15th day of the month, AUGUST through MAY.

Summer tuition is billed separately.

Please note: 2021-2022 tuition is calculated based on a package of **34 lessons scheduled between AUGUST 23, 2021 and JUNE 3, 2022**. There are 36 lesson weeks scheduled. Two of the lessons are FLEX LESSONS which the instructor may use as needed for illness or other circumstances requiring cancelling a lesson. Any FLEX LESSONS not used may be considered bonus lessons for the student.

Studio Calendar

Lessons are held weekly throughout the school year, except for planned holidays/breaks, and 2 flex lessons, TBD.

Dates will be posted in the studio and distributed to students. Check your child's binder for an updated calendar.

Summer session is separate. Specific dates will be posted in the studio and sent to students via email.

What the Studio Provides

Students will receive:

4. Weekly lesson time slot reserved exclusively for the student
5. Customized curriculum based on student's age, level, interests, and abilities
6. Piano accompaniment provided for horn students in solo and ensemble festival
7. Preparation for Guild Auditions, recitals, festivals, master classes, and competitions as requested
8. Studio lending library (Books, Sheet Music, CD's, Videos)

Discontinuing Lessons

30 days notice is requested if the student decides to discontinue lessons. Please notify the instructor in writing. Students are welcome to but are not required to attend lessons during the 30-day period, but tuition is still expected for that period. Tuition is non-refundable.

The instructor reserves the right to discontinue lessons for any reason. These may include, but are not limited to: lack of practice, frequent absences, behavioral issues, and destruction or damage of studio property.

Studio Rules (some are not applicable to online lessons)

1. Please arrive on time for your lesson. If the student arrives late, the remaining time will be used, but the lesson will not be extended past the regular endpoint. Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes early (for in-person appointments). If you are the first student for the day, the instructor may not be there to let you into the studio if you arrive very early.
2. In order to avoid the risk of spreading illness among the instructor's household or other students' households, if you or a household member are sick on the day of the monthly in-person lesson, please let the studio know and we will have your lesson online instead.
3. Please park in the driveway. You may alternatively park directly across the street after 4pm. There is no parking allowed on the side of the street where the studio is located, and the opposite side is controlled parking between 9am and 4pm.

4. Parents are welcome to wait in the room next to the studio during lessons. If you wish to have a visitor to the studio during a lesson, please arrange the visit in advance by asking the instructor.
5. Please enter the building quietly and without knocking or ringing the bell.
6. It is a good idea to wash your hands or use the bathroom before your lesson time. Please do not wait until it is time for your lesson to begin, as this takes away from your personal instruction time.
7. Please trim nails before your lesson. In case you forget, the instructor will have a pair of nail clippers available in the bathroom for you to use.
8. Do not chew gum during your lesson.
9. Do not eat or drink during your lesson. Water may be kept in the adjoining living room for before and after your lesson. Please avoid eating snacks/meals in the waiting area.
10. Enrollment and participation in this studio indicates agreement to and compliance with all studio goals, curricula and policies. Please keep a copy of this policy sheet.
11. Policy and rates are subject to change.