

CALHOUN PIANO STUDIOS

Studio Policies

Effective August 1, 2025

Piano Lesson: Private lessons of 30, 45, or 60 minute lengths are typically given weekly and will follow the Studio Calendar for the academic year. Students are expected to arrive on time for their scheduled lesson so that their lesson may begin at the scheduled time. Late arrival will result in a shorter lesson.

Practice: Daily practice is vital to the musical growth of the student. All students should practice at least five days a week. Developing the skill to play a musical instrument is much different than simply studying to pass a single academic test. “Cramming” before a piano lesson rather than consistent practice throughout the week will not result in a student truly being able to develop the skills necessary to do well and enjoy playing the piano. Parents need to monitor the student’s weekly progress. A regular routine with parental encouragement will greatly aid the student’s progress.

Tuition: Tuition is based on a 10-month period (Aug-May) and includes 35 weeks of private instruction over a fall and spring semester. Tuition can be paid by the semester (in order to receive a discounted rate) or in 10 equal monthly installments. The studio runs much like a private school where tuition is based on enrollment rather than attendance. If paying by the semester, tuition is due by the 10th of August and the 10th of January. If paying in monthly installments, tuition is due by the 10th of each month in August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April and May. Payments may be made by cash or check. We are also able to accept payments through Zelle, CashApp, and Venmo. **A \$10 late fee will be assessed on all payments received after the 10th of the month. If tuition becomes more than one month past due, no additional lessons will be given until all past due tuition and late fees have been paid.**

Semester Installment Plan:

30 minute lesson - \$551.00
45 minute lesson - \$826.50
60 minute lesson - \$1,102.00

Monthly Installments Plan:

30 minute lesson - \$116/month
45 minute lesson - \$174/month
60 minute lesson - \$232/month

A separate 8 week summer term is offered in June and July. Monthly tuition remains the same as throughout the rest of the year. Unlike the rest of the year, we will prorate summer tuition up to 50% when we know about absences due to vacations, camps, etc. in advance. **All students are required to take at least 4 lessons in the summer or pay 1 month’s tuition in order to hold their place in our studio through the summer.** All books and materials are included in the cost of tuition.

A one time Registration Fee of \$25 per student will be charged when the student begins lessons.

ATTENDANCE: All students are expected to attend each regularly scheduled lesson throughout the year. Any scheduled lessons that the teacher has to cancel will be made up. Additionally, lessons will be made up any time that the studio has to be closed due to inclement weather. **There will be no guaranteed makeup lessons for any student absences for any reason.** A student who does not attend a lesson will simply miss the benefit of that lesson. **Our studio operates at full capacity and we do not keep any open slots within our teaching schedule for makeup lessons.** However, if you let us know about an absence or a need to reschedule as far in advance as possible, at the teacher's discretion, if we have another cancellation in our schedule, we will let you know.

DISMISSAL FROM STUDIO: Should any of the following situations occur after parental notification has been made and time has been provided to correct the situation, dismissal will result:

- Failure to make payments promptly
- Persistent absences or tardiness
- Failure to honor studio policies
- Repeated neglect on the student's part to take responsibility for bringing materials and following assignment and practice directions
- Inappropriate or disrespectful behavior, theft, and/or misbehavior in our home

Miscellaneous:

- Fingernails should be reasonably trimmed.
- Hands should be clean.
- Gum or candy are not permitted during the lesson.
- If possible, students should have used the restroom before coming to their lesson.
- Parents and siblings are welcome to visit the lesson as long as they are not a distraction to the student or teacher.
- In case of cancelled lessons due to inclement weather, you will be notified by phone, text, or email.
- Please don't drop off students more than 5 minutes before their scheduled lesson time. Please plan to pick up your student no more than 5 minutes after their lesson is scheduled to end unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher.
- **Out of courtesy to the other students who will be receiving lessons, please be quiet when entering and leaving the studio and while waiting for your lesson.**