

## Lessons

Private lessons are given on a weekly basis. Students may enroll for 30, 45 or 60 minute private lessons. Private lessons will focus primarily on developing a healthy technique and building a repertoire. Private lessons will also cover music theory, sight reading, composition, ear training skills, and music history.

## Equipment

All students must have a piano or digital piano for home practice. The quality of your child's instrument plays an important role in their potential for success. Acoustic pianos should be tuned at least once a year and kept in working order. If you prefer a digital piano, please invest in a full size keyboard (88 keys) with weighted, touch sensitive keys and pedal.

## Practice

As a general guideline, students are asked to practice 5 days a week. Beginning students should practice at least 15 minutes and as the student progresses so will expectations for daily practice. It is important to spread practice out over several days of the week, even if it is only for a few minutes each day during busy weeks.

## Attendance

If you are unable to attend a lesson, I require **at least 24 hours advance notice** or you must forfeit the lesson. This policy may be waived on a case by case basis in emergency situations. Students will be provided the opportunity for **3 makeup lessons per school year for planned absences**.

Makeup lessons are at the availability of the teacher and are not guaranteed. **Make-up lessons must be scheduled within 30 days of the missed lesson or they will be forfeited.**

In the event the instructor needs to miss a lesson, that lesson will be made up or rescheduled as soon as possible or a credit will be given on the student's next monthly bill.

Any lessons missed by the student without notice will not be made up. **No refunds will be given for lessons missed for any reason, there will be no credits or deductions on billing invoices.** (I can't teach another student when a student misses a lesson without replacing the student altogether.) Excessive absences shall result in loss of reserved lesson time.

Piano lessons continue as usual during the summer months. If you are traveling for the summer vacation, I will hold your time-slot for two weeks. All other missed lessons are subject to the same policies as the school year. Makeup lessons are offered for planned absences.

## Scheduling a makeup lesson

Make-up lessons can be scheduled utilizing a shared online calendar.

The calendar url link is <https://tinyurl.com/yccqn4us>

- This calendar will be updated frequently as students cancel/reschedule - if you do not see a time slot that works for your schedule, check back often.
- The makeup lesson time will be confirmed with an email or text from me. Do not assume because a time slot is open that it will still be open without confirmation.
- Makeup lessons will only be scheduled for those lessons cancelled with at least 24 hours notice.
- Makeup lessons are limited to 3 per year (not including summer schedule).
- If you cannot do the makeup the week that you miss the lesson, you could double up on a future week. Even scheduling lessons on back to back days is perfectly fine for the student.

## Tuition & Fees

Tuition is billed for a month of lessons beginning with the first lesson. Fees are charged by the month, and are not lowered nor refunded for a missed lesson. If after the first meeting, a student does not wish to continue lessons, payment for the first lesson is expected at the time services are provided.

**All tuition payments are due at the first lesson of the month.** Checks payable to “Blaskovich Creative Endeavors”. There is a 5-day grace period to turn in tuition without penalty. If you are more than 5 days late, a \$15.00 per student late penalty will be added to your invoice. **If you plan to be on vacation at the first lesson of the month, please plan accordingly and mail or drop off payment in advance to avoid late fees.**

You will receive a statement at the beginning of each month detailing tuition due as well as any books or fees.

Additional fees may include recital fees, group lessons or participation in other performance activities are not included in monthly tuition fees and will be charged separately as they occur.

While cash is a preferred method of payment, checks and Venmo payments are also accepted and are payable to Blaskovich Creative Endeavors.

### Insufficient Funds

Insufficient funds in the form of bounced checks must be payable in cash, including service charges to cover costs from the banks involved, plus a \$25 service charge to the studio.

## Terminating Lessons

**If a student does not intend to continue piano lessons, a two week notice must be given.** This gives us time to wrap up any current projects and discuss how the student can continue to follow their music goals. This also allows me the necessary time to fill that empty lesson slot so that I can avoid a loss in income. Thank you for your consideration. Without such notice, students are responsible for the amount of two weeks lessons as a termination fee. This may be waived in emergency situations.

## Contact Information

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This Studio Policy is a legal contract made between Beth Blaskovich and the undersigned student or in the case of students under the age of 18, the legal guardian of student, for the provision of private music instruction services by Beth Blaskovich to undersigned student.

The undersigned has read this Studio Policy, and fully understands its terms, conditions, and provisions. The undersigned agrees that if any portion of this Studio Policy is held to be invalid, then the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

Beth Blaskovich Piano Studio and Beth Blaskovich are released from any liabilities, accidents or injuries that may incur from the enrolled student with the participation of piano lessons, group classes, piano parties or piano events.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read, understood and agree to all of the above studio policies.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_