

# Etudes Music Studio Policy 2019/20

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of teaching your child piano! In order to make our time as productive as possible, I have established the following policies for the school year 2019-20.

## Lessons and Fees

The Piano Year runs from 7 September 2019 through 13 June 2020. There will be 33 lessons this school year for Saturday and Sunday students. All other students will have 34 lessons in the school year. The Annual Lesson Fee will be divided into **10** equal monthly payments from September to June. Fees are due by the first lesson of the month

[A late fee of \\$15 will be added to any payment received after 14<sup>th</sup> of the month.](#)

Families with 3 or more children registered, receive a 12% reduction on their total monthly lesson fees.

An Annual Registration Fee of \$28 is due at the beginning of the school year for each student (except KiddyKeys students). This registration fee covers the cost of recitals, festivals, prizes, awards and full home access to the Piano Maestro Practice App (for those with iPad access).

The Annual Registration Fee does NOT cover the cost of music books or Royal Conservatory exams.

## Attendance

To give everyone as productive a lesson as possible, please observe the following:

- Arrive on time. Lessons start on time even if all the students are not present.
- Parents are required to be available during lessons (either at the lesson or via cell phone). In the event of an emergency, if a parent cannot be reached, you agree that I will be permitted to exercise my discretion in providing care and treatment for your child. Parents agree to hold me harmless for any such care and treatment decisions.
- If you drop your child off for lessons, you **MUST** pick them up on time. Parents must come inside to pick up their child if the child is 11 or younger. I want all the students to be safe so I will not send elementary school students out of the building unsupervised to find their parents.
- Students must bring **all** books and supplies to **every** lesson.

## Missed lessons

My studio runs at full capacity, so make-up lessons are not guaranteed. If you are unable to make it to a lesson, let me know as soon as possible. This allows me to offer your slot in the class to someone

else if there is another student at the same level who need a make-up, and you, in turn, can use any cancelled slots that arise. **The monthly lesson fee remains the same even if you miss lessons.**

Lessons that are cancelled because I am unable to make it due to illness or some other reason, are not charged for. A credit will be issued back to your account. Lessons that are cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up on "No Lesson Red Days" on the Annual Calendar or during the Summer Lesson Days.

## **Practice**

Students are expected to practice 5 days a week. Practice time will take about 10 to 15 minutes for beginners and about 20 to 30 minutes for students at level 1 and above. Piano practice is homework. After each lesson, students will receive a "Practice Homework Grade" reflecting their practice. Students are expected to score "A" every week.

Students who have access to an iPad will be given free access to the Piano Maestro Practice App. This App contains music they will be learning in the lesson and is very useful for home practice.

## **Recitals and Assessments**

Recitals and Assessments (exams, piano tests) are optional and all students are welcome to participate. As a member of the Anne Arundel Music Teachers Association (AAMTA), I encourage my students to take part in the many recital opportunities they offer.

We use the Royal Conservatory of Music ([www.rcmusic.org](http://www.rcmusic.org)) for assessments. These take place in the Spring at Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold. This year, we will also use the AAMTA Solo Festival for performance assessments.

## **Student Behavior and Commitment**

If a student does not practice sufficiently, lessons are a waste of time. I reserve the right to terminate lessons for any student who consistently demonstrates lack of practice, who shows disinterest or disrespect, or continually disturbs the other students in the class. Lessons will also be terminated for continuous late payment of fees or for consistent late pick-up for dropped-off students.

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Thank you for abiding by these policies to help your child's piano lessons be productive and efficient. I look forward to a great year!

# 2019 – 2020 Parental Agreement to Terms

I have read the Etudes Music Piano-Together Policy 2019/20, and I agree to abide by all the terms and conditions in that document.

Agreed and consented to by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of financially responsible party

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Media Release

At times, videos of students' performances are posted on our website/YouTube channel for the benefit of helping/encouraging other students. I give permission for you to use:

\_\_\_ A photo or video of my child(ren) with first name(s) attached

\_\_\_ Only group photos or videos with no names attached

\_\_\_ None of the above

## 2019 – 2020 Enrollment

Please list details of children you wish to enroll for 2019/20.

**1)** Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Learning Difficulties (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**2)** Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Learning Difficulties (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

**3)** Name \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Learning Difficulties (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_