



MUSICALIZE

PIANO STUDIO

Studio Policy for September 2026-August 2027

Thank you for considering Musicalize Piano Studio! It is my pleasure to be able to share the joy of playing piano with others, and help them develop a love for music and piano for themselves. In this document you will be able to find answers to all the initial questions you may have regarding lessons, registration, tuition, etc. Thank you for your interest!

*Changes to watch for in this policy:

- "PIANO LAB" (BEGINNER GROUP CLASSES) NOW AVAILABLE!

-Registration Fee is now the same FLAT FEE for everyone

-Tuition is now paid a month in advance. See details below.

-No make-up lessons available

-Studio-wide group lessons are now called MASTERCLASSES

Registration

In order to secure a slot at Musicalize Piano Studio, a **non-refundable \$125 registration fee is due in July or at the time of enrollment** (currently enrolling for the September 2026 - August 2027 school year). The registration fee covers recital venue rentals and studio materials such as trophies, medals, certificates, piano parties, studio subscriptions and purchasing music for recitals, etc.

Tuition and Payment

A flat **monthly tuition payment is due on the first day of each month, and considered late after the 3rd day of each month** from August-June (11 payments), regardless of the number of lessons held or attended each month. Tuition is paid one month in advance, so August tuition will cover September's lesson (and so on), and June's tuition will cover the mandatory 4 summer lessons (see "Summer Lessons" below). A semiannual payment option is also available. The first half of the yearly tuition is due August 1st, 2026, and the second half is due on February 1st, 2027 (this includes 4 summer lessons).

Automated payments are required. Tuition rates are for individual students (family rates not available), remain the same for the duration of the year, after which they are evaluated and may be subject to change for the coming year.

Late Fee Policy

Late fees should technically be eliminated with automated payments. However, in the case of a late payment, a \$15 charge will be added to all payments made after the 3rd of the month. Please go ahead and include this fee with your late payment. **No exceptions.**

Individual Piano Lessons			Piano Lab (Group Piano)		
	Monthly	Semiannual		Monthly	Semiannual
30 min*	\$210	\$1,155	-	-	-
45 min	\$306	\$1,683	-	-	-
60 min	\$400	\$2,200	55 min	\$210	-\$1,155

*Beginners only, any age.

Individual Lessons

Traditional one-on-one lessons tailored to each student's needs and goals. Students learn about theory, technique, ear training, and musicianship starting with method books in the beginner stage, and transition into advanced repertoire in the intermediate and advanced stages.

Piano Lab

"Piano Lab" are group piano lessons for beginners (especially elementary aged students). Piano Lab is 55 min. long and held once a week, in a group of 4 students max. During group time we learn about theory, keyboard geography, technique, rhythm, solfege and ear training, frequently using games and interactive learning materials. Students then transition into their own piano station to work on their materials and have one-on-one time with the instructor (me).

MASTERCLASSES (Studio-wide Group Lessons)

A minimum of 3 masterclasses and 1 piano party will be scheduled this year. **Masterclasses replace regular, individual lessons for that week as well as Piano Lab lessons.** They will be 1 hour long and will be scheduled right before or after a major long holiday weekend. Masterclasses will provide students the opportunity to perform for their peers and receive feedback in preparation for recitals. Masterclasses are also an opportunity to review the Piano Explorer magazine materials in a fun game format. This is the time when we learn about composers and the historical context they lived in.

Studio Calendar

Students joining Musicalize Piano Studio commit to lessons from **September 2026 – August 2027**. Students are offered a total of **38 lessons** when school is in session, which are 30, 45, or 60 minutes in duration and are held on the same day and time every week. Piano Lab classes are all 45 minutes long. These 38 lessons include 3 quarterly, studio-wide "MASTERCLASS" group lessons (1 hr) which will be scheduled right before or after a major holiday weekend, and a piano party at the end of the school year. **A minimum of 4 lessons will be required in the summer break.** We follow the LWSD calendar as a guideline. Even though schools will generally be closed on Monday holidays, **the studio will remain open on most Monday holidays** in order to provide Monday students with the same number of lessons as all other students. A detailed studio calendar is provided below, specifying whether the studio will be open or closed on each specific holiday and listing other important dates.

MUSICALIZE PIANO STUDIO CALENDAR (September 2026-August 2027)

Date	Holiday	Studio	Notes
September 7	Labor Day	OPEN	First Week of Piano Lessons!
November 11		OPEN	Lessons proceed as usual
November 24			MASTERCLASS 7-8pm (No regular lessons this week)
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Break	CLOSED	
December 14 or 15			Tentative Date for Winter Recital (No regular lessons this week-only recital)
December 21- Jan. 1	Winter Break	CLOSED	Lessons start again on January 4
January 18	MLK Jr. Day	OPEN	Monday Lessons proceed as usual
February 11-12	Mid- Winter Break	CLOSED	
February 15	Presidents Day	CLOSED	
February 16			MASTERCLASS, 7-8pm (No regular lessons this week)
April 12-16	Spring Break	CLOSED	
May 31-June 1	Memorial Day	CLOSED	
June 2			MASTERCLASS, 7-8pm
June 11 or 12			Tentative Date for Spring Recital
June 14			End of Year Piano Party, 7-8pm (no regular lessons this week)
June 21-End of August			Summer Lessons

-Calendar is subject to change.

Missed Lessons

No refunds or credits will be issued for missed lessons. No makeup lessons are available.

Snow Day Policy

In the eventuality of a snow day, no credits or refunds will be issued. However, students can choose to come to lessons if they are comfortable driving or if they live within walking distance. If snow day cancellations extend over multiple days and a good majority of students can't make it, there will be a studio-wide closure and an additional group lesson offered to all students sometime before the end of the school year.

Summer Lessons

Students that take a long break from lessons in the summer will frequently experience a regression in the fall. In order to mitigate this regression and avoid spending time relearning old skills, a minimum of 4 lessons during the summer break are required. Students can choose the dates for these 4 lessons around their travel plans, and they can be combined into bigger blocks of time if needed. The studio is usually closed 2-3 weeks in the summer (dates to be announced).

Recitals

Students are expected to participate in two recitals every year (during the winter holiday season and spring). Recitals are normally held at local venues. It is a great way to hear what others are learning as well as showcase your musical talent for friends and family.

Sick Students

I kindly ask that you do not send sick students to piano lessons.

Materials and Equipment

Students should possess an acoustic piano or a digital keyboard with 88 full-sized, weighted keys, and pedals. Please make sure your instrument is located in a part of the house where the student will be able to practice undisturbed by TV, pets, other noises, etc.

The student is responsible for purchasing the assigned books and supplementary materials. I will provide a link for each item to be purchased, or give you a local recommendation of where to get these materials.

Punctuality and Preparedness/Early Arrivals

Your time is as valuable as mine. Students are expected to be on time and prepared each week, and always bring all their materials. **Students can come in when their lesson time starts and should not arrive early**, as this can be disruptive to my family time or to the student before them. Lesson times will not be extended to compensate for tardiness. Parents are also expected to pick up students on time.

In-Lesson Visitors

It is requested that only the student attending the lesson be present in the studio for the duration for the lesson. Students need to have the opportunity to focus without the distraction of other people in the room or people coming in and out. **Parents, siblings and friends are kindly invited to wait outside- unless I have specifically required parents to be present in lessons.** Exceptions are made for parents when the student is too young, or a beginner.

Practicing at Home

Without a doubt, young students who have parents involved in their practice sessions (encouraging the child, reminding them to practice consistently...) are much more successful and have a more enjoyable musical experience. The student will be given a monthly practice sheet to help them meet their goals and keep track of practice time at home.

"Cramming" a week's worth of practice right before a lesson will not produce quality results. Practice expectations will vary from student to student and will be outlined on the practice sheet.

Discontinuing Lessons or Dismissal of a Student

I will always work diligently with the students and parents to resolve any issues that may arise. Please speak with me if you or your child is showing decreased interest. Learning to play the piano should be a fun and uplifting experience, not a drudgery. A change in approach, different music or books usually help. Taking action early is best and taking a break from piano is usually counterproductive. One month's notice is required when discontinuing lessons. Tuition and registration fees are not refunded when discontinuing lessons. I also retain the right to terminate lessons due to the student being consistently unprepared each week, difficulty in discipline or disrespectful behavior during lessons, or lack of payment.

Please note: This Studio Policy will be revised towards the conclusion of every school year. If a change is made throughout the year, a new copy to read and sign will be provided.

Thank you for considering Musicalize Piano Studio!

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I understand and agree to Musicalize Piano Studio's Policy:

Signature of Student or Parent/Guardian and printed name

Name of Student (if signed by Parent/Guardian)

Date