

PATRICIA DOLAN PIANO LESSONS
2023-24 Teaching Policy
<https://www.patriciadolanpiano.com>

Please read carefully.

Piano lessons for beginners — intermediate — early advanced

Tuition *****

- ◆ Monthly tuition [September 1 through May 31] is due at the first lesson of each month.
 - ◆ Flat tuition fee of \$120 monthly for 30-minute lessons — Beginner to Early Intermediate Level
 - ◆ Flat tuition fee of \$160 monthly for 45-minute lessons — Intermediate Level
 - ◆ Flat tuition fee of \$190 monthly for 60-minute lessons — Intermediate to Advanced Level
- ◆ No registration fee
- ◆ No reimbursement for missed lessons
- ◆ Summer lessons [June through August] are charged per-lesson
- ◆ Tuition and fees may be paid by cash, check (payable to Pat Dolan), PayPal or Zelle.

**Fees for competitions, theory exams, TMTA student membership and theory books are billed separately.

***Adult fees are per-lesson - provided on request

Non-Teaching Days

- ◆ Labor Day: September 4th
- ◆ The entire week of Thanksgiving: November 20-24
- ◆ Winter Break/New Year: December 20-January 3
- ◆ One week for Spring Break: March 11-15
- ◆ Memorial Day: May 27

Practice and Responsibility:

- ◆ Practice is essential to learning. Set aside time every day to practice. Beginners may start out at 10 or 20 minutes and work up to 30 minutes. A few months into lessons every student should be able to spend 30 minutes a day for a minimum of 5 days a week. Instructions in how to practice the music given in the lesson should be followed. Difficult spots in the music should be repeated until they are no longer difficult.
- ◆ It is mandatory for you/your child to have an instrument available for practice. You must have an acoustic piano or a digital piano (88- key, weight-sensitive keyboard) at your home. Acoustic pianos must be in working order and tuned as needed.
- ◆ Bring a 3-ring binder, books and a pencil to each lesson.
- ◆ Bring a bag dedicated to carrying music to/from lessons (1 per student) is mandatory.

Missed Lessons, Cancellations and Rescheduling

Missed lessons/cancellations are not credited. Rescheduling of missed lessons is recommended at the teacher's availability. If the teacher has to miss a lesson and rescheduling is not possible, you will be credited for the missed lesson. Lessons that fall on Labor Day or Memorial Day holidays will be rescheduled.

Recitals

There are two mandatory recitals each year – winter and spring. A Summer's End recital is reserved for summer students.

Discontinuation of Lessons

A one-month advance written notice is required for discontinuation of lessons. Written notice may be given in person or email.

Scheduling/Rescheduling Communication

Requests related to scheduling/rescheduling should be done via email or text - even if we have talked about it in the lesson.