

## Raymaker Piano Studio Policies, 2023-2024

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Calendar dates as of 8/11/23

### Semester 1, August 28 – December 22

- 16 private lessons plus one Flex week that is not charged
- Winter break begins the week of December 25
- Flex lesson January 2, 2024

**Holiday gathering:** Sunday, December 17

### Semester 2, January 22 – June 7

- 16 private lessons plus one Flex week that is not charged
- Spring break April 1 – 5
- Flex lessons week of June 3

**Spring performance:** Sunday, May 12

## SEMESTER

Each semester includes:

- 16 private lessons – I teach on Mondays and Tuesdays
- 1 performance
- 1 flex week – this week is not included in tuition and is designed for the one-off illness, family conflict, etc. It is up to you to schedule and is optional. If you've attended each lesson during the semester, it's like getting a free lesson.

## ATTENDANCE

If you have to miss a lesson, and you let me know a minimum of 24 hours in advance, there are a number of options available.

- If I have an open slot that week, I will schedule you in that slot.
- At the end of each semester, there will be a Flex week - for an optional lesson that is not included in tuition.

If you have a sport or production that will cause you to miss a lesson for more than a week, I will try to be flexible – but I can't guarantee a switch. The earlier you let me know, the better chance we'll have to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Each lesson ends on time, regardless of the time it begins. I will contact you up to five minutes into the lesson time. Without contact after ten minutes, the lesson will be considered forfeit.

## **IN-PERSON LESSONS AND ILLNESS**

I am very involved in the care of my 90+ year old mother, so I'm conservative when it comes to illness.

- If your student has been home from school that day, please don't come to a lesson. We can easily move online.
- If there is a COVID breakout in the area, I will ask in-person students to mask and I will also mask.
- If your student comes to lessons with signs of visible illness (fever, vomiting, strong cough), I will terminate the lesson immediately.

## **INSTRUMENT**

After beginning lessons, a student will progress much faster with either a quality upright acoustic piano or an 88-key touch-sensitive keyboard. A touch-sensitive keyboard allows you to play louder or softer by pressing down the key at different speeds. The keyboard should have a sustaining pedal, which sustains the sound when you let go of the key. I would be happy to discuss options with you.

## **PHOTOS**

Pictures and videos of my students may be posted on my studio website, in studio publicity, or on studio social media with no names attached.