

Piano Studio Guidelines

Tualatin Valley Academy 2023-2024

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Registration:

To register for piano lessons each student needs to turn in to the TVA office a lesson application form and payment for the first quarter of lessons + materials fee. These items must be received before lessons can begin. Lesson times are scheduled on a first-come basis once these materials have been received.

Private lessons are available to students in grades kindergarten through high school. Unfortunately we are not able to offer lessons for Pre-K students at this time due to current childcare regulations.

Scheduling:

Piano lesson times are for 30 minutes of individual instruction on a weekly basis, and are scheduled during the school day in consultation with the student's classroom teacher. The tuition rate is set based on a complete school year (35 weeks) and consideration is given for 1-2 missed lessons during the school year due to classroom functions, inclement weather or illness. Lessons will begin August 29th, and end June 6th, with June 10 and 11 reserved for makeup lessons as needed. New students may begin at any time, based on lesson time availability, and if a student needs to withdraw during the year, they may do so at the end of a quarter. Tuition refunds are not possible, so please plan accordingly for any enrollment adjustments.

Missed Lessons:

The lesson tuition is set based on the academic year, rather than as a per-lesson charge. Most students will receive the full 35 lessons each school year, but the rate takes into consideration 1-2 missed lessons and it is not unusual for students to receive 33 or 34 lessons depending on how many missed lessons they have during the year. When students miss lessons I try to reschedule in advance if you can let me know ahead of time, or schedule a makeup as soon as possible whenever I can fit them in. We follow the school calendar for vacation days and holidays, so these are not considered missed lessons.

Tuition Rate and Payment Dates:

***This year we are transitioning to a quarterly billing system, so please read the following carefully:*

Lesson tuition is collected quarterly and should be turned in at the TVA office as a cash or check payment. Checks are written to "Tualatin Valley Academy" with "Piano Lessons" in the memo line. The first quarterly payment should also include the annual materials fee. (The materials fee covers music and studio handouts, recitals, incentive programs, and student notebooks). I will send an email reminder a couple of weeks before the 2nd and 3rd payments are due.

Lesson Payment Due Dates:

August 15th (earliest accepted): \$345 Lesson Tuition + \$50 Materials Fee
= \$395 Total

**this must be turned in before lessons begin, and students starting late may receive a pro-rated first tuition payment.*

November 15th: \$345 Lesson Tuition

February 15th: \$345 Lesson Tuition

Note: Lesson tuition that is turned in more than 2 weeks past the due date may be subject to a \$20 late fee.

Being Prepared for Lessons:

Please send the assignment book and all piano books currently being used to the lesson each week. The other important thing you can do to prepare for the lessons is work out a practice schedule that fits your home routine. Students show the most progress with a consistent practice time 5 days a week. For younger students this may be relatively short, but older students should plan on 30 minutes of practice time as a guideline. Please practice all the assigned material for the week first and then fill any extra time with review songs. Keep in mind that productive practice involves repetition as the songs become more familiar!

Recitals:

Two piano recitals are planned each year; one before Christmas vacation and one in the Spring. These recitals give the students an opportunity to share what they have been working on with each other and their families. They are meant to be both fun and beneficial for building confidence and learning presentation skills.