

Angela Soffe Music Studio Policy

Welcome to a great year of music study! This policy is to establish standards so that everyone is on the same page. Your children's progress is my primary focus, and these guidelines help things run smoothly.



Attendance

Lessons are once a week, for 30 minutes each, September through June. Summer lessons are optional. Please try to arrive on time so that all students can have a full lesson. Cancellations will not be rescheduled, and there are no make up lessons.

As you know, I do a lot of performing and recording and I may have to cancel some weeks of lessons due to my own performances. If I need to cancel a lesson, the tuition for the month will be prorated.

Arrival at Lessons

I know you all have busy afternoons. In an effort to be more punctual, please only one student enter at a time so we don't end up with a houseful of kids playing and distracting (mostly mine!).

There is a gate at our new house. I will leave the gate open and parents can drive up the driveway to drop off your child. Please have your child ring the doorbell once and come inside. Use the hand sanitizer on the table, and wait on the chair outside the studio room. When their lesson is over, you can pick up your child on the driveway.

*Piano and guitar students: fingernails need to be trimmed please to ensure proper technique.

Tuition

The monthly tuition is a flat rate of \$80, due at the first lesson of each month via check or cash. The fee is the same whether your student arrives at the lesson or not. I do not prorate for lessons missed or no-shows, no exceptions. This applies to family vacations or any other scheduled events. The monthly tuition takes into account Christmas break, Spring Break, and other holidays so don't worry about counting weeks, since it all evens out in the end.

Books & Materials

Students are responsible for paying for their method books as well as any additional materials specific to their area of study. At times I will provide the books and materials (approved and discussed with the parent first) and those costs will be added to the monthly tuition. What you will need this year:

* **Lesson books** (I'll let you know what they need after the first lesson next week)

* **A metronome**

* **3-ring binder with some plastic sheets**

* **small spiral notebook** (for assignments)

Practice

Daily practice is required. For beginners, practice will require parental supervision. Students will not progress without consistent time on their instrument. I will assign your student the amount of time or repetitions needed each week.

Rewards

If I can tell your child has practiced well, I let them pick a treat or toy out of my reward box. If you don't want them having a treat, please let me know!

2017-2018 Lesson Schedule

Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Breaks we will pause lessons. Summer months June - August lessons are offered on an "as needed" basis. I will let you know before school lets out which weeks I'll be offering lessons.

Recitals and Festivals

Recitals are held twice a year in December/January and June. Dates TBA!

The Ribbon Festival - is held in November in Yakima each year and is a fantastic way to introduce students to performance and theory. This is an optional event.

Central Washington University Piano Sonata-Sonatina Festival (October)

Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza Event (January)

Area Piano Adjudications (February)

Thank you for your cooperation in helping make this a successful year! I'm really excited to get started!

Angela Soffe

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____