



Studio Policies - Adults

Term/Commitment:

Adult students do not have a minimum or maximum lesson commitment. Annual tuition is based on 38 lessons per year. Once enrolled, lessons are ongoing, and you may continue as long as you wish. Once basics are mastered, there are many different styles and types of playing that can be explored (i.e., improv, songwriting, modern, classical, etc.).

Registration & Tuition:

A non-refundable annual registration fee is due each year in August, or upon enrollment. Tuition and fees are prorated for students registering later in the year.

See Tuition Agreement for current rates and payment schedules. Please note that what you pay is tuition, and is based on enrollment, not attendance. It is not an hourly fee for services rendered because teaching is much more than the time spent during the lesson. Tuition also covers preparation time, teacher training and experience, event costs and preparations, professional organization memberships, professional journals, studio expenses, property taxes, insurance, business licenses, continuing education, and more.

Attendance:

Regular attendance is encouraged to maintain forward progress. *Tuition is not refunded for missed lessons.* However, if you have an unavoidable absence, the following options are available:

- ♪ Online lesson (Zoom) at your scheduled day/time. This works well if you are unable to leave home (for example – need to stay with a sick family member) but are otherwise well enough to have a lesson.
- ♪ Video lesson. The teacher will prepare a video lesson for you to watch at your convenience.
- ♪ Reschedule for a different day/time. **Please use the link in the reminder email or text.**

No shows are NOT eligible for any type of lesson credit or makeup.

♪ **Please note:** *It is your responsibility to reschedule lessons.* Makeup lessons do not have to be taken in the same week the lesson is missed—they can be scheduled up to (4) months out. Doubling up on lessons in a week is not harmful. All lesson credits expire at the end of the year and do not carry over.

Teacher reserves the right to cancel lessons in case of illness or family/professional obligations. Lessons cancelled by the teacher are **always** rescheduled or credited.

Summer Lessons:

Summer lessons are included in the annual tuition. Additional summer lessons may be taken for an extra fee if desired. During the summer months, your lesson day and time is subject to change.

NEW! Video Lessons (available upon request):

This lesson format is a solution for those that prefer distance learning, but that have a difficult time attending a live online lesson, due to scheduling, family obligations, internet instability, or other issues. Students that choose this lesson format will receive a recorded video lesson once per week, following the studio calendar. In addition, 6 times per year the video lessons may be replaced with a live 30-minute lesson. This will allow the instructor to assess student progress and assist as needed.

Recitals/Performances: No performances are required for adults. Two annual piano parties (fall and spring) are held at the studio, and any students desiring to play at that time may do so. Participation in other performance opportunities is 100% voluntary.

General:

The student agrees to pay for any required materials not covered by tuition.

The student agrees to pay for any loss or damage incurred to any instrument, accessory or music loaned by the teacher to the student.

Practicing - There are no practice requirements for adult students. Guidelines are given, but you must decide what is reasonable for your situation, considering such things as the hours you work, any other extra-curricular or family commitments, and your musical goals. However, even if you have had no time at all to practice in any given week, it is still important to attend the lesson. Quantity of practice has no bearing on the amount of material that can be learned during the lesson. It is only your rate of progress that will be affected by lack of practice.

Contact:

If you have any questions or concerns, the best way to contact me is via email or text, or through Tonara's messaging system. Students should feel free to send messages during the week if they have questions regarding their repertoire, progress, or other matters.

Media Release:

With permission, photos of students and/or video and audio recordings of student projects and performances may be posted online and used by the instructor for promotional and workshop materials. The studio follows online safety rules in this matter. See registration form for details.

Discontinuing Lessons: Every student stops taking lessons at some point. Ideally, this decision is made with plenty of thought, and discussion between the teacher and student so that lessons can cease with a positive sense of closure. Play Out Loud Music Studio respects the student's right to end lessons at any time, however, there will be **no refund for any remaining paid lessons**. Play Out Loud Music Studio retains the right to terminate lessons for lack of payment, destruction of property, or threat to physical well-being.

Play Out Loud Music Studio is released from any liabilities, accidents or injuries that may incur from the enrolled student with the participation of piano lessons, piano parties or other piano events.