

**Christine Fahey Piano Studio**  
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## **2017-2018 STUDIO POLICY**

### **LESSONS OFFERED**

Private piano lessons are available year round. The school year runs from September through June and is divided into a Fall and Spring Semester. A flexible summer session is offered as well. Lessons are held weekly in 30 minute sessions for beginners or 45 minute sessions for intermediate students. Rolling registration throughout the year. Completed registration form along with first month's tuition payment are required prior to any lessons taking place.

### **2017-2018 CALENDAR**

The studio follows the Quincy Public Schools calendar for holiday closings and school vacations. Please note that lessons are generally held on the Saturday before Winter, February, and April Recess.

#### **Fall Semester:**

September 9th: Fall Semester begins - first day of lessons for the school year  
October 7<sup>th</sup>: Columbus Day weekend – no lessons  
November 25<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Recess – no lessons  
December 23rd: Winter Recess – no lessons  
December 30th: Winter Recess – no lessons  
January 27<sup>th</sup>: Last day of lessons for Fall Semester  
February 3rd: Make-Up Lesson Day

#### **Spring Semester:**

February 10<sup>th</sup>: Spring Semester begins – lessons resume  
February 24th: February Recess – no lessons  
April 21st: April Recess – no lessons  
May: Spring Recital - to be announced  
June 16th: Last day of lessons for the school year  
June 23rd: Make-Up Lesson Day

**Summer Session:** July – August: flexible schedule available

### **TUITION RATES**

<u>30 minute lesson (beginner):</u> \$108/month	<u>45 minute lesson (intermediate):</u> \$142/month
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#### **Sibling Discount:**

There is a 10% discount off the lesson rate for a second child in a family enrolled in lessons.

#### **Tuition Payment:**

Tuition for the 2017-2018 school year covers 34 weeks of scheduled lessons (17 per semester). It is paid monthly in advance and is divided into 10 equal payments. Tuition is due at the first lesson of each month. All payments are non-refundable. If tuition payment has not been made by the beginning of the second lesson of the month, no further lessons will be given until payment is received. Payment methods include cash (exact tuition amount) or check payable to Christine Fahey. There is a \$32.50 fee for any returned checks.

## **MUSIC BOOKS**

From time to time, the instructor will assign new music books. Students are responsible to purchase the required books. Suggestions can be provided by the instructor on where to purchase them.

## **INSTRUMENT**

Students must have access to a piano or keyboard in order to practice on a regular basis. If the instrument being used is a keyboard or digital piano, the studio recommends that it be a full-sized keyboard with 88 weighted, touch-sensitive keys so that it will more closely resemble the “feel” and functionality of an acoustic piano.

## **AT HOME PRACTICE**

Regular at home practice is essential to a student's progress and musical enjoyment. Students are presented with new concepts and techniques at their weekly lessons but it is during their practice times at home that these skills are developed and reinforced. The studio generally recommends that beginners aim to practice at least 15-30 minutes, 4-5 days a week, and intermediate level students at least 30-45 minutes, 5 days a week. For very early beginners just starting lessons, what is more important than the actual length of each practice session is that the student practice the assignment several times each session.

## **RECITALS**

Each year students have the opportunity to perform in the studio's annual spring recital. Participation is optional but strongly encouraged as it is an invaluable experience to perform in front of an audience. There is no fee to participate in the recital.

## **ATTENDANCE/MISSED LESSONS**

Lesson attendance should be treated as a priority in order to gain as much knowledge and skill as possible. Students should make every effort to be punctual as lesson time cannot be extended due to late arrival. Instructor will wait 10 minutes for a student to arrive after start time after which the lesson will be forfeited without make-up.

Tuition payment reserves a weekly lesson time slot for the school year (September-June). It is a flat rate and cannot be refunded or lowered for lessons missed by the student. If a student needs to cancel a lesson, please leave a message at (339) 788-2364, no less than 24 hours in advance if possible. One make-up lesson will be offered at the end of each semester (refer to the 2017-2018 Calendar for Make-up Lesson Days). No-Show lessons or forfeited lessons due to late arrival do not qualify for a make-up lesson. If a lesson needs to be canceled by the instructor, a credit will be applied toward next month's tuition.

## **DISCONTINUING LESSONS**

A student who discontinues their lessons before the end of the school year, will lose their reserved weekly time slot should they wish to take lessons again in the future. It will also be at the instructor's discretion whether or not to enroll them again as a student.

## **WEATHER CANCELLATIONS**

If the studio closes due to inclement weather, students will receive a phone call from the instructor informing them of the cancellation. A credit will be applied to next month's tuition.

## **SECURITY AND CAREGIVER'S POLICY**

The studio assumes no liability for students before or following a lesson. It is the parent or caregiver's responsibility to accompany their child (under the age of 18) at all times prior to or following a lesson.