

Lesson Policy and Contract for
Liz Kohl's Piano Studio
2024-2025

Mission

My goal in teaching piano is to connect to others and share my love of music and playing the piano with my students. Whether you are an absolute beginning student, intermediate student or are returning to the piano after a break, I wish to tailor lessons to your personal goals.

Background

Liz Kohl is a pianist, instructor, composer, and performer living in Portland, Oregon. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music (University of Washington) with a minor in dance and was awarded a graduate teaching assistantship at Baylor University where she earned a Master of Music degree in Piano Pedagogy and Performance.

A classically trained pianist, Liz equips all of her students with the effective technique for maintaining relaxed, efficient playing. She offers a variety of ways to approach learning at the piano and repertoire from which to choose. Though passionate about classical repertoire, she loves to assist students in finding their own style through incorporation of pop/film music and learning to arrange music in meaningful ways for their level (and composing!). Liz also loves to encourage collaboration between teacher/student, parent/student, or siblings in making music (even outside of the piano!). Playing music with another person allows us the opportunity to deepen our musical understanding, awareness, and be more closely connected to each other.

With a variety of teaching experiences spanning 21 years, Liz loves teaching students of all ages and styles. Through teaching, she loves to connect with people and provide support as a pianist, musician and fellow learner.

Practice:

Consistent practice is vital to you or your student's success. For this reason, **5 days of practice** per week will be required for all students. Individual requirements of time per day will be determined by the teacher and student's goals for the year.

It is my goal as a music teacher to guide my students into becoming independent pianists, since a student only receives supervision from a teacher for a very small portion of the week.

I, _____, (student) promise to practice the minimum time required for consistent progress in piano as decided with my teacher.

I, _____, (parent/or N/A) promise to oversee (as necessary) my child's practice required for consistent progress in piano as decided with their teacher.

❖ *Lessons:*

I require that all students be **no more than 5 minutes early for lessons**, ready to learn.

Thank you for respecting lessons of other piano students and/or my prep time in my teaching studio!

Parents are permitted to stay for lessons but are not required to do so. Some children, especially if they are young, benefit from having a parent in a lesson since the parent can help reinforce practice techniques. However, older children sometimes benefit from having independence in their lessons, so the choice is up to each individual family.

❖ *Lesson Schedule & Payment*

Lessons must be paid in full on or before **the 1st of each month** by:

Check, Cash, or online payment services: **Zelle is preferred - please reach out to set up!**

VenMo (@LizKohlpianist) & PayPal

([PayPal.me/Lizkohlpianist](https://www.paypal.me/Lizkohlpianist) - sent as a friend, instead of as a 'service,' which charges you a fee).

A late fee of \$20.00 will be added for any payment that is received after the 5th of the month.

❖ *Month-to-Month Tuition:*

If committing to a specific time slot in my schedule and you would like the ease of *a consistent tuition payment*, this is the split difference of 3.5 lessons in a month for 45 minute or 60 minute lessons. This means that you pay for 3.5 lessons whether you have 3 lessons or 4 lessons in a month (**which includes a 3% discount**). Tuition amount takes into account months of different lengths and holiday breaks. Because this discounts lessons & presumes a student will continue throughout the year, shifting to coaching mid year is not possible.

45 minute lessons _____ \$241

60 minute lessons _____ \$299

❖ *Coaching Lessons*

If you know you will have conflicts with a regularly scheduled lesson time or would like to pay for individual lessons, coaching lessons are a great option:

Coaching Lessons:

45 minute lessons _____ **\$71** per lesson

60 minute lessons _____ **\$88** per lesson

Coaching lessons are scheduled at the start of the month and cannot be changed or rescheduled.

Coaching lessons will be scheduled after students who are seeking consistent, weekly lessons

≥An Annual Materials Fee of \$30 per family is due with your first tuition payment
(this covers materials, printing, binders, planning, recitals and more!)

❖ *Makeup Lessons*

It is each family's responsibility to notify me if you will not be attending a scheduled lesson. I do not offer makeup or rescheduled lessons. Any missed lesson will be used as an opportunity for me to provide a/an:

- Email assignment
- Video lesson assignment or new piece/game
- Work on a piano arrangement for the student
- Research about listening or future repertoire for student

Virtual lessons will be offered in case of illness or inclement weather, at normally scheduled lesson times.

I have read and understood this studio policy and hereby agree to its terms:

(name)

(date)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns:

LizKohlpianist@gmail.com | (360) 773-8997

*(email is the best way to get a hold of me generally;
texting is reserved for reaching me in an emergency)*

I'm so looking forward to this year of musical learning! - Miss Liz

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YouTube Channel: **Liz Kohl Pianist**

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Yoga for Musicians with Liz Kohl