

Group Piano Lessons- Spring 2025



Who: ERA students (5-12th graders)

What: Group Piano Lessons. This is an extracurricular activity with a fee.

When: After-School twice a week: 3:35pm- 4:05pm Tuesdays & Thursdays
(see calendar for specific dates)

Where: ERA upper school, classroom 301 (Piano Lab)

Pricing: **\$15/lesson** per student (see payment schedule for payment details)

Required Materials: Alfred's Adult All-in-One Course Level 1 Piano Book
(Amazon link [HERE](#))

About this course: Taught by Mrs. Rachel Spencer, ERA High School Chorus & Piano Teacher, Group Piano Lessons allows 5-12 grade ERA students to learn beginner piano skills in a group setting. Mrs. Spencer teaches a lesson out of the book, assigns songs for students to work on, and then students practice the songs (wearing headphones so they hear just their own piano) while Mrs. Spencer circulates. At the end of class, students will review what they learned and get assigned a short "homework" assignment in the book (easily completed in 5-10 minutes outside of class). This class is ideal for BEGINNERS, but could also be great for kids who had lessons for a year in the first grade and then quit, and now wish they hadn't. This could also be a great class for kids who have taught themselves how to play some things by ear, but don't know how to read music. This is not an ideal class for kids who have taken piano lessons for multiple years. If you're not sure if this is the right class for your child, please reach out to Mrs. Spencer at rspencer@enoriveracademy.org.

Registration Information for parents: **Register your child [HERE](#) by Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 5pm.** The first ten students to sign up have priority, and any other students who register past that will join the waitlist. If we don't get at least 6 students to sign up, the class will not run. If you miss the deadline but still want to sign up, please contact Mrs. Spencer at rspencer@enoriveracademy.org. If you have a special circumstance ("Can we start after our Winter Sport is over?" or things like that), please email Mrs. Spencer! :)

Transportation & timing details:

- Lower school students **not** enrolled in ERA after school:
 - On Tuesdays and Thursdays (detailed on the calendar below), meet Officer Huffman when HS walkers are released and walk over to the upper school in a group.
 - Wait in the commons until 3:25. This time can be spent doing homework, reading a book, etc.
 - At 3:30, enter the piano lab (room 301). The first couple of times, Mrs. Spencer will definitely come out to help piano students find the room!
 - The lesson runs from 3:35-4:05pm.
 - At 4:05pm, students will exit the closest door, shown on the map on the next page. Parents should arrange for their child to be picked up by 4:10pm sharp.
- Lower school students enrolled in ERA after school:
 - Same as above, and then...
 - At 4:05pm, students will exit the closest door and walk back to the lower school to continue with after school programming.
- Upper school students:
 - Come directly to the piano lab (301) after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays



Spring Calendar:

Month	M	T	W	Th	F
January	6	7	8	9 Registration due by 5pm	10
	13 Families contacted with details	14 Group Piano Class begins! 3:35-4:05pm	15	16 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	17
	20 No School	21 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	22	23 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	24
	27	28 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	29	30 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	31
Feb	3	4 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	5	6 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	7
	10 Teacher Workday	11 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	12	13 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	14

	17 No School	18 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	19	20 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	21
	24	25 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	26	27 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	28
March	3	4 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	5	6 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	7
	10	11 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	12 Early Release	13 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	14
	17	18 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	19	20 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	21
	24	25 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	26	27 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	28 Teacher Workday
Mar/Apr	31 Spring Break	1 Spring Break	2 Spring Break	3 Spring Break	4 Spring Break
April	7	8 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	9	10 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	11
	14	15 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	16	17 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	18 No School
	21 No School	22 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	23	24 NO LESSON: (<i>Upper School Chorus & Piano Concert at 6pm</i>)	25
Apr/May	28	29 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	30	1 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	2
May	5	6 NEW- NO LESSON	7 Early Release	8 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	9
	12	13 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm	14	15 Group Piano 3:35-4:05pm LAST LESSON- prepare for Mini Informal Recital 4-5 social time, snacks 5pm Mini Recital in the Chorus Room (Rm 206 at upper school)--family & friends welcome!	16

Payment Schedule:

Month	Total number of Lessons	Total due (pay on first lesson of the month)	Date due
January	6	\$90	Jan 14
February	8	\$120	Feb 4
March	8	\$120	Mar 4
April	6	\$90	Apr 8
May	4 (plus recital)	\$65 (additional \$5 for recital)	May 8
Total	33 (plus recital)	\$500 for spring semester	***

****Can be paid all at once if you'd rather not keep up with payment schedule. ****

More details about payments (how to pay, etc) will be shared with registered families by Jan 13th.

Recommended Materials: piano or electronic piano keyboard to practice on at home. Things to look for in an electric keyboard:

- 88 keys (full size- not all keyboards have all 88 keys)
- Sustain Pedal (used to blend sounds together)
- Music stand (to prop the music up so you can see it)
- Weighted, touch-sensitive keys (this makes it feel like a “real” piano)
- Piano stand (to literally hold the piano keyboard up)

The “fine print”:

- There are no refunds given for missed lessons (even if your child is sick, has an appointment, or any other reasons). If you need to cancel lessons (your child gets into a sport, your schedule changes, or they change their mind), please give two weeks notice so Mrs. Spencer can find another student to take your child's spot.
- This is not an official ERA endorsed class. No course credit will be given. It has been approved by ERA administration as an extracurricular activity (with an associated fee).
- Mrs. Spencer is allowed one canceled lesson per semester without providing a refund to families. If she needs more than one canceled lesson during the course of the semester, refunds will be provided and/or payment schedules will be adjusted accordingly.
- If Mrs. Spencer needs to cancel a lesson, she will give as much notice as possible so you can prepare for your child's transportation needs.
- If it's “not working out” with a student (they're extremely disruptive or destructive, they show zero interest in learning the piano, etc), Mrs. Spencer reserves the right to stop teaching that student (she would refund any lessons paid for that then would be unused). She does not expect this to be a problem! :)