



Piano Studio Policy

Music on Main

Piano does not have to be boring! We love teaching kids the joy of music by encouraging their creativity, overcoming fears, and developing the student as a whole. Each student learns differently, so our goal is to get to know the student and teach piano in a way that interests and excites them individually.

Below you will find some general information and expectations:

PLEASE READ IN FULL!

Lessons: We will try to give each student a convenient lesson time. However, we ask that you be flexible when sending your availability.

Location: Music on Main (101-103 East Main Street Danville, KY 40422).

Price:

- Private Lessons:
 - Private lessons can start around age 4
 - Lessons range from \$30-35 per half hour lessons, once a week. These prices depend on the teacher. Contact Sarah Hines for lesson prices (859-420-9634)
- My First Piano Adventure CLASS (4-5yo):
 - 1-hour class = \$35
- Mommy and Me CLASS (2-3yo):
 - 45-minute class = \$35

Payments:

***Private Lessons:** Invoices are sent out on the 1st of each month, and the full payment is due by the 10th. A \$10 late fee will be issued if anything is paid after the 10th of the month unless previously discussed with Sarah Hines or your teacher. You will receive reminders during “pay week”, so don’t worry about missing payments! The lesson payments are based on how many lessons the student will have that month. Makeups are available with each teacher, but you must give a 12 hour notice to not be charged for a missed lesson.

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Payment options: venmo, check, or cash

*Summer lessons vary and are more flexible! If you can, let your teacher know in advance when you will be on vacation:)

***Mommy and Me and 4 and 5 year old classes:** These classes are “pay by class” situations. We understand that you may not be able to make it to each class, (and young kids are unpredictable), so you can pay when you come to class:) However, we do count on your attendance because you have filled a spot for that semester, so please come to as many as you can!

Recitals/Dates: There will be a recital at the end of each semester. The exact date is to be determined semester to semester. Check the calendar on “My Music Staff” through your parent login. There are no summer recitals!

*4 and 5 year old classes are asked to participate in the recital, but there is absolutely no pressure:)

Attendance: If you are unable to attend a lesson, please give your teacher a 12 hour notice. Lessons must be made up. Each teacher has their own schedule for makeup days, so contact them directly to schedule those.

***FOR ALL MUSIC ON MAIN STUDENTS:** In consideration for your teacher, Music on Main asks that you commit to at least 4 months (or a semester) of lessons/classes at a time. We reserve your spot and cannot fill your slot halfway through the semester should you choose to not continue lessons. We ask that you be considerate of your teacher’s time and value their work and money. **In the case that you MUST discontinue lessons, you will be responsible for paying 75% of the remaining semester.** Please reach out to Sarah Hines if you have questions or concerns:)

***Books:** We will provide the student with any books necessary. We will also provide a binder for the students to write down their weekly assignments. All the book expenses for the student will be on the next month’s invoice. Anything that we wish to purchase for the student will be run by the parents/guardians first!

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***Practice Expectations:** Students are expected to practice any assignments and prepare for each lesson accordingly. We are more concerned that the student practices what we have assigned them (and the amount of times assigned to practice each piece) than the amount of time they spend at the piano. **Quality over Quantity. Each student is expected to practice at least 3 times a week.**

***Parental or Guardian Involvement:** The adult's primary role is to encourage the student to meet the weekly goals (3 practices per week). We recommend that the parent or guardian sit down with the student at least once per week to make sure all assignments are practiced. Parental responsibilities include bringing the student to their lesson **on time** with all necessary materials. Communicating with us regarding the student's frustrations or excitement with practice at home, learning processes and disabilities that may affect their learning, etc. can only **enhance** how we can help them so please share! We want to help your student learn in a way that helps them succeed!

Practice motivation tip: One way to encourage practice at home is to sit a jar of hershey kisses (or any other small candy) on the piano. When they have filled in a character on their practice chart (aka completed their assignment), they can have a piece of chocolate as reward. This has proven VERY effective!

***Prizes and Awards:** We will provide the student with a practice chart. Once the practice chart or book is completed, the student will receive what we call a "big prize" (a king size candy). Please communicate with me about any allergies that your student may have.

****Communication:** The best way to contact your teacher about piano related issues/questions is through the **Remind app** or text thread. You may also call or text their personal number if need be. Please feel free to facetime or text if your student has any trouble with their practice during the week, or if they have any quick questions!

For all general announcements and reminders, we will be using the app "Remind". Please text Sarah Hines to be added to the text thread!

Who to contact:

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- We strongly advise you to contact your teacher first (through Remind) if you have any questions or concerns. However, if you have a payment or invoice questions, or general concerns about Music on Main, text/call Sarah Hines (859-420-9634) or email musiconmainschool@gmail.com.

***Requirements:** The goal is for each student to own a **real acoustic piano** (vs. an electric keyboard). Since most students are trying out piano for the first time, we do not require it for the first year that the student takes lessons. However, **keyboards must be able to stand on their own, be full sized (88 keys), and WEIGHTED**. After the first year, we ask for parents to seriously consider finding a real acoustic piano. The weight of the keys is very important to the student's finger strength and development (this is so important for fine motor skills development in particular) AND this does affect the student's desire to play. Facebook market is a great place to get one for a great price! You can contact Steven Bradley (technician) if you have questions about pianos you find:)

Steven Bradley (technician): 502-802-4644

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Studio Policy Agreement

(Please sign and bring to your first lesson)

I have read and agree to ALL of the studio policies that Music on Main requires (please sign and bring back to your teacher):

Signed: _____ Date Signed: _____

Printed: _____

*Be a part of the Music on Main Instagram: (@musiconmaindanville). This is a public account that provides picture updates of what the students are learning and the fun activities we are doing each week! I will only post pictures of the students if you have signed the photo release form.



Photo Release Form

I _____ (Parent/Guardian's full name), hereby grant permission to Sarah Elizabeth Hines to reproduce any photos that relate to the Music on Main that have been taken of my child(ren) _____ (child(ren)'s full name) for the purpose of SHARING and giving POSITIVE UPDATES on Music on Main's private instagram account. Furthermore, I grant creative permission to alter the photograph(s). I do not grant permission to resale or use the photographs in a manner that would exploit or cause malicious representation toward me or my child and family. Permission granted for photographs taken by Sarah Hines or sent directly to Sarah Hines from the parents within Music on Main.

Any infringements of this policy may violate federal law.

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