

# Emma Gilbert Piano Studio Policies

## Cost of lessons

30 min lesson - \$12.00

I will be expecting money for the upcoming month's lessons by the beginning of the month just like any other extracurricular activity. **Payment is due the beginning of the month so please remember to transfer money through Venmo to my account (@Emma-Gilbert-00).** You can also send your student with a check to the first lesson of the month, but Venmo is preferred. Remember to make checks out to Emma Gilbert. I also use mobile depositing, so please be careful not to sign below the line into the account number or the mobile app won't be able to read it.

## Optimal Learning

Attending piano lessons is critical for a child's learning. Being on time also takes great effect in this process. Even missing just 3-5 minutes can affect the lesson and gives me less time to fully teach the key concepts. If your student is more than 10 minutes late, you will have to schedule a make-up lesson. Please make sure your child is here on time so that we don't have to rush through the lesson. For those who have their children walk or ride bikes to lessons, please make sure they are aware of when they need to leave so that they'll be here on time. Thank you!

To help keep parents involved in their children's learning and progress, I will be sending out a monthly email to update you on their progress and what our plans are for future lessons. If you have any questions about their progress, feel free to reach out to me anytime. I would love to answer your questions and concerns.

## Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel your lesson, no refund will be given due to the prepaid nature of this activity. As with other extracurricular activities, when your child is sick, you are not given a refund for a missed lesson. If you have extreme circumstances, let me know and we may be able to work something out. If you will not be coming due to a vacation/holiday, let me know BEFORE YOU PAY FOR LESSONS at the beginning of the month...no charge. **If you forget to come, haven't practiced, or just don't feel like coming then you will be responsible for payment of that lesson.** On rare occasions where I need to cancel lessons at the last minute, I will try to work out another day to make up the lesson, or I will keep a credit for that lesson that will transfer over to the next month. **Remember, this is my income that I rely on to help me pay for college, so I appreciate your support and committed students who come. Thank you!**

## Books/Materials

New students who will be starting and those whose notebooks have seen better days, please bring a notebook to record assignments in. I will call into Day Murray Music (136 E Main St, Lehi) to have the piano books you need on hold for you. They will contact you once the books are ready for you to pick up. This allows me to pass on the 10% savings to you that the music store gives me as a teacher.

## Practicing Piano & Completing Theory

Please encourage your children to complete their theory or "homework". This helps to reinforce the things we learn during their lesson so it "sticks" (just like at school). I have also noticed some students will say, "Oh I didn't know I was assigned that song." I write down the songs they need to practice each week so they can look and remember what was assigned. Please check to make sure they are looking at and remembering to practice ALL their songs. Also, check and see if I wrote any comments underneath the songs. My comments are there so the student knows what specific things I am looking and listening for in their next lesson.

For students in the Primer and Level 1 books, all songs should be practiced at least 3 times a practice session. For those in Level 2A or higher, you should practice for at least 30 minutes a practice session. **Students need to practice at least 3 times a week before coming back to lessons the following week.** If you don't practice, it's a waste of my time and your money for you to come and have me assign the same songs. What I teach during their lesson is very small in comparison to the amount of time you should spend at home practicing so I appreciate all the time you take to practice. Consistent practice is what will help you develop this incredibly useful and beautiful skill!