

# RUMBLES MUSIC STUDIO 2026-27 POLICIES

## *Daytime In-Home Lessons*

### **Teacher Responsibilities:**

I will teach students the language of music in a positive and enthusiastic environment. It is my goal to nurture the love of music in each student and give them opportunities to grow and flourish. I will tailor the curriculum to match each student's specific learning needs and abilities.

### **Student & Family Responsibilities:**

To make good progress, daily quality practice is necessary. Families are expected to encourage and support regular practice at home. Please ask questions about assignments whenever clarification is needed so that both the student and family understand the goals for the week. Families are welcome to contact me with questions or concerns about assignments. I am happy to help through text, recorded videos, or brief video chat.

If you're unsure how much your student should be practicing daily, refer to the chart below:

| Weekly Lesson Length | Student Age     | Daily Practice Recommendation |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 30 minutes           | 5-7 years old   | ~15 minutes per day           |
|                      | 8+ years old    | ~30 minutes per day           |
| 45 minutes           | 6-8 years old   | ~30 minutes per day           |
|                      | 9+ years old    | ~45 minutes per day           |
| 60 minutes           | 7-9 years old   | ~30 minutes per day           |
|                      | 10-12 years old | ~45 minutes per day           |
|                      | 13+ years old   | ~60 minutes per day           |

*Parents: If something is happening at home or school that is affecting your child, please let me know. The more information I have, the more I can be sensitive to the needs of your child.*

All students are encouraged to perform at the studio recitals. If any opportunities arise outside of the studio, please provide any relevant information as early as possible so I can help your student prepare.

Students must have a quality instrument to practice with at home. If you have questions or would like input on the purchase of an instrument, please let me know.

An adult age 18 or older must be at home with the student during the lesson. If a minor student is home alone, the lesson will not be conducted and will be considered forfeited.

### **Lesson Schedule:**

The studio year is divided into 3 terms: spring, summer, and fall. The spring term runs from January to mid-June; the summer term runs from mid-June to mid-August; and the fall term runs from mid-August to December.

#### Fall/Spring Terms:

During the fall and spring terms, lessons are paid on a flat-rate tuition schedule. Flat monthly tuition rates are calculated based on several factors: number of guaranteed lessons in the specified terms, assistance outside of the weekly lesson, educational materials, and access to the student/parent portal.

There will be a minimum of 36 lessons offered from August to June, and the weeks where lessons are not held (due to holidays or other conflicts) will be communicated in advance. In the case that there is a 5th weekly lesson in the month, this has been factored into the flat-rate tuition. In the case that there are only 2 or 3 lessons scheduled in a month due to studio closures, this has also been factored into the flat-rate tuition.

2 additional lessons will be built into the calendar, for a total of 38 lessons during the fall and spring terms. In the case of teacher illness, these 2 additional lessons can be cancelled on short notice without a credit. If no illness cancellations occur, these additional lessons are complimentary.

#### Summer Term:

During the summer term, families will choose one of the following options in order to maintain enrollment through the summer and guarantee your student a spot in the studio for the fall term.

Option 1: Students may continue as usual with weekly lessons.

Option 2: Students may purchase a package of à la carte lessons, which can be scheduled at flexible times throughout the summer.

Note: Due to the nature of in-home travel teaching, lesson start and end times may vary slightly because of traffic, construction, weather, or other travel-related delays. Please allow a small

buffer before and after the student's assigned lesson time, as arrival times may vary slightly from week to week.

### **Tuition:**

Tuition is billed monthly in advance. Invoices for the upcoming month will be sent during the final week of the current month. Payment in full is due by the 1st of each month. A three-day grace period will be provided, during which no late fee will be incurred. If payment is submitted after the 3rd of the month, a \$25.00 late fee will be added to the following month's invoice. Lessons will be suspended until payment for the month has been received.

Once payment has been received, it is non-refundable. This includes, but is not limited to, lessons missed or cancelled by the family or termination of the student's enrollment.

Payment may be made through Venmo or Zelle.

### **Maintaining Enrollment:**

Tuition reserves the student's recurring lesson time and must continue to be paid in order for that time to remain reserved. Enrollment and tuition cannot be paused or suspended while retaining the student's scheduled lesson time.

Families who choose to take an extended break may withdraw from the studio and request re-enrollment at a later date. The student's previous lesson time cannot be guaranteed, and re-enrollment will be subject to the teacher's availability and the studio schedule at that time.

### **Cancellations & Make-Ups:**

Consistent attendance at the scheduled weekly lesson is important for the student's progress.

Lessons cancelled by the family with less than 24 hours' notice will be considered forfeited and will not be eligible for a make-up lesson. Lessons cancelled with at least 24 hours' notice will be eligible for a make-up lesson, subject to the teacher's daytime scheduling availability.

Make-up lessons will be held in the student's home and are subject to the same cancellation policy as regularly scheduled lessons.

All make-up credits must be used by the end of the term in which the original lesson was cancelled. Unused credits will expire at the end of the term and will not be carried forward, refunded, or applied toward tuition.

Any lessons cancelled by me beyond the 36 lessons guaranteed annually will be credited to the following month's invoice. As much notice as possible will be provided for teacher cancellations.

### **Illness & Inclement Weather:**

For the health and safety of all students and families, students who are visibly ill or who have had a fever within the previous 24 hours may not attend an in-person lesson. With advance notice, the lesson may instead be held online during the student's regularly scheduled lesson time. If the family declines or is unable to attend online, the studio's standard cancellation policy will apply. Lessons cancelled with at least 24 hours' notice will remain eligible for a make-up lesson, while lessons cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice will be considered forfeited.

In the event of inclement weather or an act of God, such as severe storms, natural disasters, or other unforeseen circumstances, lessons may be moved online to protect the safety of the teacher, students, and families. Families will be notified as soon as possible, and the online lesson will be held during the regularly scheduled lesson time.

### **Online Lessons:**

All attendance, cancellation, and make-up lesson policies apply to online lessons. Extensions to the reserved lesson time cannot be guaranteed in the case of student technical difficulties. Two devices (ex. phone and computer, tablet and phone, etc.) are recommended for optimal sound quality and in the case of technical issues.

### **Photo & Video Release:**

I often use pictures and videos of my students as examples of great progress on the studio website and in social media posts. These videos and pictures are encouraging to other students and are used in advertising for the studio. If you do not want your child's image(s) to be used, please let me know. The students are identified only by first name.

### **[PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE FORM](#)**

If the studio policies are not followed, the student's enrollment in Rumbles Music Studio may be terminated.

**By enrolling and paying tuition for my child at Rumbles Music Studio, I certify that I understand and agree to the studio policies.**

Student name(s) (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_