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# Fall 2019 Studio Policy

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## Lesson Availability & Locations

Individual music lessons are available Tue - Thr for students age 7+ (with some exceptions) at Rawson's home music studio located at 281 West 5350 South, Ogden, UT 84405.

## Special Dates\*

\*Subject to change. Limited make-up lessons scheduled as needed.

<b>Aug</b>	20-22..First Week of Fall Lessons	<b>Oct</b>	31.....Halloween (Lessons moved to Oct 28th or Nov 1st)
<b>Sep</b>	3-5.....No Lessons This Week	<b>Nov</b>	26-28.....Thanksgiving Break (Makeup Lessons Only)
	5.....Open House (5pm - 9pm @ Rawson's Home Music Studio)	<b>Dec</b>	3-5.....Final Week of Fall Lessons
<b>Oct</b>	14 .....Fall Recital (6:30pm - 7:30pm @ Pleasant Valley Library in South Ogden)		9-12.....Make-up Lesson Week

## Tuition

Tuition includes **14 Weekly 25-min.** or **7 Bi-weekly 50 min.** lessons, and a **Season Recital**. A 10% Family Discount is available when at least two individuals from your family take lessons. When a student starts mid-season, the first monthly payment is prorated based on the number of lessons remaining in the season.

Lesson Length & Frequency	Upfront Cost	Upfront Cost w/Family Discount	Monthly Payment Pricing	Monthly Payment Pricing w/Family Discount
25-min. Weekly or 50-min. Bi-weekly	\$252	\$227 per Student	\$63 / Month	\$57 per Student / Month

Tuition may be paid upfront for the season or in four equal payments (each due the first lesson of the month Aug - Nov). To keep tuition low, the upfront discount has been discontinued. Payments received after the due date are subject to a **\$10 late fee**. If payment is not received by the second lesson of the month, lessons are suspended until payment is current.

## Curriculum

During lessons, you will learn:

1. How your instrument works,
2. The basics of reading and writing music,
3. How to express ideas and feelings through sound,
4. Performance technique, theory, style, and some music history,
5. Solo and duet literature from all music periods

## Lesson Materials & Sheet Music

At the first lesson, you will receive a three-ring binder to organize your music and handouts. Please bring it to each lesson and take good care of it. We will work together to select appropriate music as needed. You are expected to provide and/or purchase most of your own music. The Piano Gallery (Riverdale) and Day Murray Music (Murray) are two of my favorite local music stores. Other great places to find sheet music are Amazon.com, MusicNotes.com, and SheetMusicPlus. Additionally, a lot of free classical sheet music is available online at [IMSLP.org](http://IMSLP.org) (Petrucci public domain library).

## Attendance

Attendance at each lesson is vital to musical progress, but there may be rare occasions when a lesson must be missed. When you are feeling sick before a lesson, please contact me to cancel it to prevent sickness from spreading. Except

for life-threatening emergencies, **8-hour advanced notice** is required or you are charged for the full lesson and it may not be made up.

If you know in advance that you will miss a lesson, if possible, please 1) *Swap lesson times for the week* with another student and 2) *Notify me asap* so I am prepared. Should you be unable to swap lessons, we will need to schedule a make up lesson. There is a limit of two weekly or one bi-weekly make-up lesson(s) per season. Any absences beyond this limit may not be made up. If I must cancel a lesson, I will make it up and it will not count toward your limit.

## Goals, Practice, Rewards, & Scholarships

At the end of each lesson, you will receive a **Lesson Sheet** with 4 - 6 **SMART Goals** and instructions. Please refer to this when practicing so you remember what and how to practice. You are expected to practice *five days per week*. It is better to practice for a moderate length of time each day than for a long periods of time only once or twice a week. Plan and follow a routine of specific practice times and complete the **Practice Chart** each time you practice.

You earn a **Reward Point** for each goal you meet during return lessons. These can be exchanged for musical rewards like: a music marking pencil, new sheet music, concert tickets, and more. Each week that you meet at least 80% of the lesson goals, you receive a **Scholarship Point**. For every ten scholarship points, you are awarded a scholarship in the form of a lesson gift card worth one free lesson. These can be redeemed at time of payment and are not transferable (to other students) or redeemable for cash.

## Audio/Video Recordings

You may record audio or video of your lessons and lesson-related performances (i.e. recitals) for personal, private use. These recordings remain the intellectual property of your teacher and/or the respective copyright holder. They may not be shared or distributed (esp. through social media, email, blog post, etc.) without specific, written permission. I may also record your lessons to ensure quality and security. Such recordings will remain private and will not be shared without your permission.

## Performances

A recital is held each season to celebrate your hard work / artistry and to provide motivation. Except duets and duos, *music should be memorized*. You are encouraged to take advantage of other performance opportunities, such as performing at church services, solo & ensemble festivals, the WSU Piano Festival, NATS voice competition, and others.

## Communication

Email and text are my preferred methods of communication. Both parent *and* student (if applicable) email and phone information is needed because it allows for better overall communication. This information is only used for lesson-related messages. With your permission, it is shared with other students and parents to enable lesson swapping when the need arises. All teacher-student emails and texts are copied to parents.

## New Student Referrals

When anyone you refer continues taking lessons after one month, you receive a gift card for one month of complimentary lessons of the same length as the referred student.

## Termination

Repeated failure to prepare for lessons, attend lessons or recitals, practice, and/or progress may result in suspension or termination at teacher's discretion. Failure to contact me after two missed lessons may also result in termination. Full payment is due for the entire month in which termination occurs, regardless of cause.

# Learning Agreement

I understand and agree to the lesson terms / dates.

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

*(if applicable)*

**Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

