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Summer 2019 Studio Policy

June 18th - August 8th (Fall season starts August 20)

Lesson Availability & Locations

Individual music lessons are available Tue - Thr for students age 7+ (with some exceptions) at Voice Plus Piano home music studio located at 281 West 5350 South, Ogden, UT 84405. For availability, see VoicePlusPiano.com.

Tuition

Tuition is calculated according to the number of lessons you schedule (up to six) this season at **\$18 per 25-min** or **\$36 per 50-min** lesson. A 10% Family Discount is available when at least two individuals from your family take lessons.

Lesson Length & Frequency	Number of Lessons (Up to 6)	Lesson Dates	Total
25-min. (\$18/Lesson)	-----	1) _____	
----- 50-min. (\$36/Lesson)		2) _____	
		3) _____	
		4) _____	
		5) _____	
		6) _____	

Tuition may be paid upfront for the season or in equal payments, due the first lesson of each month. 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

We will work together to select appropriate music books as needed. You can either purchase these on your own, or reimburse me when I purchase them for you. While buying music online is convenient and can save you money, I encourage you to check your local music stores first. The Piano Gallery (Riverdale) and Day Murray Music (Murray) are two of my favorites. At these stores, you can peruse and try out a wide variety of sheet music before you buy it. This is hard to do online because sheet music is often hidden from view until after you've bought it.

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 (Petrucci public domain library), or through NoteFlight.com, and MuseScore.com. At the first lesson, you will receive a three-ring binder (included with the cost of your lessons) to organize your music and learning materials. Please bring it to each lesson and take good care of it.

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 one make-up lesson** for the 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 may not be *publicly* shared or distributed (esp. through social media, email, blog posts, 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 complementary lessons of the same length and frequency 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 the 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 _____