

Mattea Holt Colberg's Piano Studio Policies

Hello students and parents! I, Mattea, am a music lover and piano teacher based in Corvallis. My goal is for you and/or your child to not only learn to play the piano, but also develop a deep appreciation for music along the way that will stay with you even if you do not continue to study piano. To support all of us in this goal, I have established the following policies. I expect that you and/or your child understand, sign, and comply with these policies to the best of your ability. If you have any questions, concerns, or extenuating circumstances, please don't hesitate to contact me at matteaholtcolberg@gmail.com or (206) 200-4002.

Schedule

I teach piano lessons Monday through Thursday, 12-6, with the exception of federal holidays, the last two weeks of December, and spring break (as determined by the Corvallis School District calendar). Summer lessons are optional for my students, and I typically take four to six weeks off total between June and August. If my schedule changes or I need to take additional weeks off, I will give at least one month's notice, more if I am able.

Payment and tuition

My lesson rates are \$30 per 30 minute lesson, \$40 per 45 minute lesson, and \$50 per 60 minute lesson (two family members may also have back-to-back 30 minute lessons for \$50). Tuition is due one month at a time, at or before the first lesson of that calendar month. Tuition paid after the first lesson of the month will be subject to a late fee of \$20, and the second lesson of the month will not be given without that month's tuition or a pre-arranged exception. Payment can be made by check, cash, or Zelle.

Absences

If I need to cancel a lesson, I will provide options for rescheduling. If you or your child needs to miss a lesson, please let me know at least 24 hours in advance and I will reschedule the lesson if I have availability. If I am given less than 24 hours notice, I may not always be able to accommodate a rescheduled lesson. Refunds or lesson credits will not be offered for missed lessons due to student absence, except in case of emergency.

Lesson expectations

Please arrive a few minutes early for lessons so that you can be ready to start at your scheduled time. Lessons will not be extended past the scheduled end time for late arrival. In order to be prepared for lessons, students should practice several days a week for an amount of time appropriate to the student's level, which will be discussed during lessons. Parents are welcome to sit quietly and observe lessons, but are not required to stay if they do not want to.

Materials

I will recommend lesson books based on your or your child's needs, and you will be responsible for purchasing them as needed (typically \$30-40 per year). Supplemental music will vary based on your or your child's interests. If this will be a financial hardship for your family, please let me know and we can discuss options for cheaper or free music resources. Please make sure that you or your child has an appropriate piano available at home to practice on. It is also encouraged to have a metronome to use while practicing.

Performance opportunities

Sharing music with others is an important part of the learning process, so I will provide opportunities to perform in settings of varied formality, including recitals, informal studio gatherings, and festivals/competitions. Studio recitals will occur twice a year and will be more traditional performances that you are encouraged to invite family and friends to. Informal studio gatherings will be held monthly and will be just for students as a way to share with their peers and get friendly feedback on works in progress. I will also facilitate participation in local festivals and competitions for interested students.

Parent communication (not applicable for adult students)

While I will always encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning, I believe that parent support is crucial for a child's success in learning piano. Therefore, at the end of every lesson, I will review with you (the parent) what was covered in the lesson, practice expectations for the week, and information about any upcoming events or other updates. If I have another lesson immediately after your child's or if someone other than a parent will be picking up the student (e.g. a sibling, babysitter, etc.), I will send an email summary.

In order to enroll in lessons with me, please review these policies and sign below to indicate that you understand and agree to them. If you are a parent, please make sure that your child understands expectations for them as well.

Student signature

Parent signature (if applicable)