

Statement of Policies

Distad Piano Studios

Recommended length of lessons:

- 30 minutes: First two years
- 45 minutes: Third year through intermediate level
- One hour: Intermediate through advanced students

Tuition and Payment: Payment is due before the first lesson of each month.

- 30 minute lessons: \$100.00 per month
- 45 minute lesson: 140.00 per month
- 60 minute lesson 190.00 per month

The annual registration fee is \$50.00. This reserves your lesson time for the year, and covers the cost of recitals, group lessons, reference materials, and student incentives.

Attendance: Students should arrive at lessons promptly with all required materials and music. Please notify me if a student will be absent.

Missed Lessons: Refunds are not given for missed lessons. Please call me if you wish to reschedule a lesson because of illness or a family emergency.

Holidays: No regular lessons will be scheduled during the Christmas and Spring breaks, Thanksgiving week-end, Memorial Day, or the Fourth of July. I will email you monthly statements which reflect the number of lessons in the months affected.

Summer: Regular lessons continue throughout the summer. Please let me know of lessons you plan to miss due to family vacations.

Practice: Short, focused times at the piano are more productive than long periods of "putting in the time." Encourage your child by asking them to play it again "because I love that song" or "I like to cook while you play piano." Your personal approval goes a long way in encouragement. Schedule a time that works for your family and try to be consistent. Try for five days or six days a week, with a goal of 60-100 minutes that week. Beginners may want to break this into two sessions per day. Older students can set higher goals.

Parent participation: Parents are the cheer leaders at home. You are welcome to attend and quietly observe any lessons. The teacher reserves the right to ask the parent to not attend if the parent's attendance alters the quality of the lesson.

Performances: Two student recitals are planned for the year, at Christmas and near the end of the school year. All students are encouraged to perform. Parents and students will be notified of the date at least one month in advance. Guests are welcome. Please do not use flash photography or cameras with auto drives while a student is playing as this is distracting and may cause the performer to make mistakes. Photos may be taken during the student's final bow and also may be staged before or after the recital.

Office hours: Parents should contact me if they have concerns or questions. The most convenient time to reach me is Monday-Friday 8:00 am - Noon at **(503) 587-7000**. Voice messages and email messages (gdistad@comcast.net) are encouraged.