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TUITION RATES

\$150/month for 30 min lessons

\$220/month for 45 min lessons

\$290/month for 60 min lessons

BILLING AND TUITION POLICY:

Hope Gabrielle Piano Studio operates on a flat monthly tuition system designed for simplicity and consistent progress. The monthly tuition rate is a fixed amount which reserves your dedicated weekly time slot, and covers the full value of instruction including:

- Weekly private in-home lessons
- Travel and related expenses
- Sheet music for all recitals
- Full participation in all studio recitals.

Tuition is structured as a flat enrollment fee for ongoing, reserved access to private instruction. It remains the same each month—regardless of calendar variations (e.g., holidays, five-week months, or four-week months) - ensuring the same predictable amount each month, making budgeting straightforward and stress-free for parents, guardians, or adult students.

This monthly rate averages instructional value across the full year and builds in reasonable flexibility for occasional missed lessons without additional fees. Consequently, **the studio does not offer refunds or credits under any circumstances**, including absences arising from student scheduling conflicts, illness, vacations, or other personal circumstances (however, **rescheduling may be requested**, see below). It is the shared responsibility of the parent/guardian (or adult student) to prioritize and ensure regular attendance so the student receives the maximum value from their enrolled time slot.

PAYMENT TERMS: Tuition is due by the first lesson of each month. Invoices are sent on the 1st of each month. A \$10 late fee will be incurred if payment is not received by the first lesson.

MULTI-STUDENT DISCOUNT: Households with two or more students enrolled in consecutive weekly lessons receive a \$10/month discount per additional student. (e.g. 2 students = \$10 discount, 3 = \$20, etc)

SCHEDULED STUDIO BREAKS: No lessons occur during the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's. There are also no lessons on July 4th; if a scheduled lesson falls on this date, the studio will attempt to reschedule it within the month or within 30 days after the missed lesson as needed (if no mutually agreeable day/time is available then the lesson is considered missed).

SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE: Spring break will take place during the last week of March. Because many students are away during this time, all lessons will be consolidated into Monday and Tuesday of that week. Students whose regular lesson time falls on Monday or Tuesday will likely be able to keep their usual slot. However, some adjustments may be requested by the studio. Students whose lessons do not normally fall on Monday or Tuesday are encouraged to schedule a lesson on one of the two days the studio is available. If Monday and Tuesday slots fill up, the studio may also offer lessons on the Sunday at the beginning of spring break week. **To ensure proper scheduling, all students are required to confirm their availability for that week by the beginning of the month.** This will allow the studio to accommodate students who wish to schedule a lesson.

STUDIO FLEX DAYS: The studio reserves the right to use up to 5 flex days per calendar year per household for teacher illness, inclement weather, professional development, vacations, emergencies, or other unforeseen circumstances.

RESCHEDULING MISSED LESSONS: Students may request to reschedule a missed/cancelled lesson when possible. The studio will do its best and make every reasonable effort to find an alternative day/time within the same month or within 30 days after the missed lesson; however, rescheduling is subject to studio availability and is not guaranteed. If no mutually agreeable day/time is available within that time, the lesson is considered missed and does not carry over to future months. Tuition is the same regardless of missed lessons. **No refunds or credits will be given for missed lessons.**

Notice for planned missed lessons must be given at the beginning of the month. This allows the studio to attempt to reschedule with the student (as available) and open the time slot for other students who may need to reschedule.

TARDINESS & NO SHOWS: Lessons will not be extended due to student tardiness. If a student is late for a lesson by 10+ minutes and there is no response from the parent/guardian/adult student to knocks/doorbells, texts, and/or phone calls within that time Hope Gabrielle Piano Studio reserves the right to regard the lesson as a no show and leave the premises. No Shows are ineligible for rescheduling and otherwise count as a missed lesson.

SUMMER POLICY: Hope Gabrielle Piano Studio offers lessons throughout the entire calendar year, including during traditional summer break months of June, July, and August. The studio's standard expectation is that enrolled students will continue their regular weekly lessons during the summer months. Consistent, year-round participation is strongly encouraged—and considered essential—to preserve and build upon musical progress. Extended breaks from lessons during the summer often lead to significant and noticeable skill regression, loss of previously acquired proficiency, and slower long-term advancement in piano technique and musicianship.

However, the studio recognizes that summer schedules may occasionally prevent participation in regularly scheduled lessons. For students who will be completely unavailable for any lessons during one or more full summer months (June, July, or August), tuition will not be charged for the month(s) of total absence. However, the students' previously assigned time slot is not guaranteed to remain available upon resumption of lessons following the month(s) of absence, unless agreed upon by the studio prior to the break. Upon return to lessons, the price of tuition will remain the same as outlined above.

À LA CARTE LESSONS (SUMMER ONLY): À la carte lessons are available exclusively during the summer months and only to students who will be available for two (2) or fewer lessons per month. These lessons are billed separately (not included in regular tuition) and are not prorated based on the tuition rates. Thus, should a student elect to switch from regular weekly tuition lessons in favor of à la carte lessons, the studio cannot guarantee the continued availability of their previously assigned time slot. Please contact the studio for pricing and availability.

ALTERNATIVE LESSON OPTIONS:

Adult students interested in bi-weekly lessons should contact the studio.

Students seeking additional lessons beyond their regular weekly schedule should contact the studio to arrange and confirm availability and pricing.

NEW STUDENT POLICY: The studio offers one free 30-minute trial lesson to all new students. Lessons beginning mid-month are prorated for the partial month (calculated based on a 4-week average). Starting the following month, standard monthly tuition applies. This prorated rate is available only to new students in their first calendar month.

Upon continuing lessons, the student is required to commit to taking lessons for a minimum of 6 months, (a commitment of 12 months is strongly recommended to see significant progress and growth).

PRACTICE EXPECTATIONS: Students are expected to practice consistently—typically 15–45 minutes per day, 4–5 days per week minimum (adjusted by age and level as assigned by the teacher)—as regular practice is essential to a student's growth as a musician.

RECITALS: The studio hosts two recitals annually: a Spring Recital (April/May) and a Christmas Recital (December). Participation is strongly encouraged but not required.

MATERIALS: Parents/guardians/adult students are responsible for providing all necessary materials, including but not limited to: a suitable piano/keyboard, bench, tuning, method books, scale books, supplementary music, metronome, pencils, binders, sheet protectors, staff paper, music stands, and any other supplies.

The studio provides recital sheet music unless the student prefers to use pieces from their personal library.

DISCONTINUING LESSONS: The studio reserves the right to discontinue lessons and will give a minimum of two weeks' notice (e.g., for frequent no-shows, chronic late payments, lack of practice for 4+ consecutive weeks, frequent inattentive/disruptive behavior, or expressed disinterest).

30-day notice is required if the student wishes to discontinue lessons. If a 30-day notice is not provided, the next month's tuition is due at the final lesson.

GENERAL TERMS

All policies are subject to change; current policies are always available at HGPianoStudio.com. Price changes will be communicated with at least one month's notice to active families.

By enrolling in lessons with Hope Gabrielle Piano Studio and signing below, the parent/guardian/adult student acknowledges and states that they have read, understand, agree to all terms, policies, and current pricing outlined in these 3 pages.