

Sunrise Prelude Piano Studios

2026–27 Private Lesson Policy

1. Commitment & Enrollment

The Piano Lesson Program is an academic-year program designed for consistent, long-term musical growth. Except for students enrolled in the Piano Intro Program, **enrollment is a commitment for the full academic year**, from the week of August 10, 2026 through the week of June 14, 2027.

Each student's weekly lesson time is reserved exclusively for them. Because lesson times are reserved in advance, **tuition remains due** for the full academic year regardless of missed lessons, cancellations, or early withdrawal.

2. Tuition & Fees

Current tuition rates are listed on the [Piano Lesson Program](#) registration page.

Tuition includes weekly private piano lessons, quarterly musicianship group lessons, formal studio recitals, performance group classes before each recital, any additional piano group classes, studio outings and parties, progress updates and goal setting, and more!

The annual tuition may be paid through either:

- Ten monthly payments from August 1, 2026 through May 1, 2027
- Two *discounted* semester payments due August 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027

Tuition is based on enrollment in the academic-year program and is not calculated based on the number of lessons scheduled in a particular month.

An annual household registration fee is required to enroll and reserve your family's place in the studio. This fee is non-refundable.

Families enrolling three or more students in the same household receive a 5% discount on total tuition.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Monthly payments are due on the 1st of each month from August 2026 through May 2027. Automatic billing is required for all monthly payment plans. Major credit cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay are accepted.

Discounted semester payments **must be paid by cash or check**. Checks must be delivered in-person or mailed and postmarked by the due date. Cash may only be delivered in-person. Cash payments must be placed inside an envelope with the student's name.

A \$30 fee will be charged for returned checks.

LATE PAYMENTS

Payments received after the 3rd of the month will incur a **\$15 late fee**. Payments remaining unpaid after the 10th will incur a total late fee of \$25.

Lessons may be paused until the account is brought current.

3. Re-Enrollment & Scheduling

Returning students receive priority enrollment before registration opens to the public. Students who participate in summer lessons receive the highest scheduling priority for the following academic year.

Lesson schedules are created annually based on student availability, lesson length, teacher availability, and studio needs. Preferred days and times are not guaranteed from year to year.

Once a weekly lesson time is selected and enrollment is confirmed, that lesson time becomes the student's reserved weekly appointment and is considered a commitment for the academic year.

The studio reserves that time exclusively for the enrolled student and cannot guarantee that another lesson time will be available if a family later requests a change.

4. Practice & Lesson Expectations

Students are expected to:

- Practice regularly between lessons and log practice in Nova Music, with a **goal of 5 days per week** and a **minimum expectation of 3 days per week**
- Complete all assignments (including theory)
- Arrive prepared with required materials
- Follow instructions and participate actively during lessons
- Treat the teacher, instruments, and studio space with **respect**
- Trim nails short

Parents support student success by encouraging practice, reading studio communications, and maintaining communication with the teacher.

5. Late Arrivals

Lessons begin and end at their scheduled times. A 10-minute grace period is provided for unexpected delays. Students arriving more than **10 minutes late** without prior communication will **forfeit the remainder of the lesson** without rescheduling or credit.

Students must be picked up promptly after lessons. A 5-minute grace period is provided. Late pickups beyond this time may result in a **\$15 late pickup fee**.

6. Lesson Observation

Parents or legal guardians may observe lessons, especially for younger beginners. Lesson attendance is limited to the enrolled student(s) and **one parent/legal guardian**.

For safety and focus, **additional children and guests are not permitted in the studio** unless approved in advance. Parents are responsible for arranging supervision for any non-enrolled children during the lesson time.

7. Student Absences & Make-Up Lessons

Refunds or credits are not provided for missed lessons due to illness, travel, school events, or other conflicts.

Students are eligible for up to **3 make-up lessons** during the academic year when **at least 24 hours' notice is provided**. Make-up lessons are scheduled **only** during Musicianship Weeks.

Students enrolled in the Piano Intro Program will not receive any make-up or rescheduled lessons for student-cancelled lessons.

Illness-related absences are handled with additional flexibility. When a student is ill but well enough to participate, the student may attend a **live virtual lesson** at their regularly scheduled time or complete an **asynchronous virtual lesson**. Asynchronous lessons must be submitted by the start of the student's regularly scheduled lesson time. If a student is too unwell to participate in a virtual lesson, they may use one of their 3 make-up lessons, even if less than 24 hours' notice was provided.

Students experiencing contagious symptoms should **not** attend in-person lessons. If a student arrives for an in-person lesson showing symptoms of illness, the teacher will require the student to return home and the lesson will not be rescheduled or credited. Students must be **fever and symptom-free for 24 hours** before returning to in-person lessons.

8. Teacher Absences

The academic year includes built-in teacher flexibility weeks that may be used for teacher illness, absences, emergencies, or other circumstances requiring a schedule adjustment. These weeks are already incorporated into the academic tuition structure.

When the teacher needs to cancel a lesson, families will be notified by email from Nova Music. Teacher-cancelled lessons do **not** need to be rescheduled, credited, or refunded, as these circumstances are already accounted for within the academic-year tuition and schedule.

If a teacher cancellation occurs less than 24 hours before the scheduled lesson, families will also be notified by text message.

9. Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or another emergency that affects the safety or operation of the studio, **lessons and classes will be moved online**. Depending on the circumstances, instruction may be provided through a **live or asynchronous virtual lesson**, at the teacher's discretion.

The studio's weather-related closure decisions will generally align with nearby school districts' weather-related decisions.

If you feel that it is unsafe for your student to travel to the studio due to weather, **please contact the teacher as soon as possible**. If you communicate two or more hours in advance, we may be able to move the lesson online. However, last-minute requests to move an in-person lesson online may not be able to be accommodated.

Families will be notified of weather-related changes via Nova Music as early as possible.

10. Musicianship Weeks

Students participate in quarterly Musicianship Weeks throughout the academic year. During these designated weeks, students are **expected** to attend one 60-minute group musicianship lesson **in place of their regularly scheduled private lesson**.

Multiple class days and times will be offered to accommodate family schedules. The teacher will recommend an appropriate class based on the student's level and musical needs.

Musicianship Weeks are included in tuition. Because these lessons are built into the academic-year schedule, make-up lessons, credits, or refunds are **not** provided for missed Musicianship Week lessons.

11. Recitals

Students are expected to participate in the following formal recitals:

- Fall Recital
- Winter Recital
- Honors Recital*
- Spring Recital

**The Honors Recital is held in collaboration with the Beavercreek Piano Teachers Association. Students are selected by the teacher based on preparation and readiness.*

Recital dates will be announced in advance. Students are expected to follow the recital dress code.

12. Calendar & Closures

The [studio calendar](#) includes scheduled holidays, breaks, recitals, Musicianship Weeks, and community events. The calendar is private and is only accessible to enrolled families.

Families will receive a link to subscribe to the studio calendar and integrate it with their preferred calendar app. This allows families to easily keep track of important studio dates and schedule changes throughout the academic year.

The studio is closed during:

- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Week (*lessons will still be held on Monday*)
- Winter Break: Christmas Week and New Year's Week
- Spring Break (TBA)
- Memorial Day Week

13. Materials & Instruments

Students must have access to an **acoustic piano** or **full-size (88-key) digital piano with weighted keys** for home practice. You may use my Instrument Recommendations page on my website to help you purchase an instrument.

Students may be required to purchase books, materials, and equipment throughout the year. Families may purchase materials themselves using teacher-provided recommendations, or the teacher may purchase materials on the student's behalf. Materials purchased by the teacher will be invoiced at the purchase cost plus a 5% handling fee.

8. Discontinuation & Withdrawal

The studio is committed to fostering positive, long-term relationships with every student and family. If concerns arise regarding a student's progress, motivation, scheduling, or overall experience, the teacher will make every reasonable effort to communicate with the family and work together toward a solution. **Parent-teacher conferences are always welcome**, and families are encouraged to reach out at any time with questions or concerns.

The teacher reserves the right to discontinue enrollment due to circumstances including:

- Repeated disruptive behavior
- Persistent attendance issues
- Lack of reasonable practice effort
- Unpaid tuition balances
- Violation of studio policies

Families choosing to withdraw before the end of the academic year must provide written notice at least **30 days** before the student's final lesson.

Early withdrawal does not release a family from the academic-year tuition commitment. Any remaining tuition balance becomes immediately due upon withdrawal.

Exceptions may be considered in cases involving serious illness, relocation, or extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the teacher.