

ERLANDSON PIANO STUDIO
Studio Contract 2026-2027

Lesson Structure and Expectations:

There are a total of 36 lessons offered during the school year, grouped into three 12-week sessions: Fall, Winter, and Spring. Lessons are scheduled weekly in 30 and 45-minute recurring time slots.

Students should arrive on time with clean hands, trimmed fingernails, and all required music/lesson materials. Gum is not permitted. Students are expected to be prepared to perform the previous week's assignments. Lessons may be shortened or canceled if required materials are not brought or if students have not practiced..

Students may be dropped off but must be picked up promptly at the end of the lesson unless prior arrangements have been made. Please note that lesson time cannot be extended for late arrivals.

Each student should bring a standard 1-inch hard-cover three-ring binder with interior pockets to organize assignment sheets and other lesson materials.

Tuition:

The cost of tuition is **\$25 per 30 minute lessons** and **\$40 per 45 minute lessons**. Payments are billed at a flat monthly rate of \$90 or \$144, based on the total cost of 36 lessons spread over the 10-month school year. **The first payment will be due at your first lesson.** For recurring months, a statement will be issued on the first day of every month, as a reminder to pay tuition by the lesson on the week of the 15th of that month. **A \$10 late fee may be applied to any payments past due.** Payments can be made via cash, check, Venmo, Apple Pay or credit card online. All fees paid are non-refundable and may be subject to change every year due to the increase in cost of living.

Students who decide to take a break from lessons during the summer will be charged a \$25 (per family) deposit to reserve their spot for the fall. **The deposit will be credited back to your account at the beginning of the next school session.**

If you are unable to pay according to this schedule for financial reasons, please contact me and I will be willing to make arrangements.

Attendance:

If students do not show up for lessons, tuition will not be reimbursed. Lessons **will not** be excused for events including birthday parties, doctor appointments, or vacations (other than school breaks). Please try to avoid all conflicts. A virtual lesson may occasionally be scheduled if a student cannot make it to the lesson in-person. In case of illness, the lesson will be rescheduled for a make-up date. Make-up lessons will be offered once per semester. Students are also permitted to trade lesson times with another student, if they alert the teacher. **If I personally cancel your lesson, you will be guaranteed a make-up lesson, or a credit to your account.**

Recitals:

All students are required to participate in studio recitals. There are two recitals per year, one in the fall and another in the spring. Friends and family members are encouraged to attend and show their support! **Students will not be permitted to leave a recital early, due to other activities/rehearsals/sports practices.** Please see the calendar for recital dates.

Studio Class:

The purpose for studio class is to offer a well-rounded musical experience. These classes are **mandatory** for all students and are offered **twice per school year** in conjunction with the regular lesson time during the week. Students will explore music history, theory, ear training, and performance studies. Make-up assignments will be given to students who miss class. Please see calendar for the studio class dates.

Suggested Practice Guidelines:

All students should practice at least 5 days a week:

Beginner: 10 min.

Elementary: 20 min.

Late Elementary: 30 min.

Intermediate: 30-40 min.

Junior: 45-60 min.

Senior: 60 min.

Lesson Termination Policy:

Students enrolled in lessons are making a commitment on a trimester basis. Lessons are divided into three 12-week trimesters: fall, winter, and spring. Students wishing to withdraw from lessons may do so at any time (with two-weeks notice), **but will be required to pay the remaining tuition balance for the trimester.** Tuition will not be reimbursed if the student does not wish to complete the remainder of lessons in the trimester.

Students may be dismissed for the following reasons: repeated failure to attend lessons, repeated failure to prepare for lessons, behavior or attitude problems, failure to pay tuition or other expenses. Prior to dismissal, the teacher may institute a probationary period at her discretion.

Parents, legal guardians of minors, students, and adult students waive the right to any legal action for any injury sustained on studio property resulting from normal lessons activity or any other activity conducted by the students before, during, or after lesson/class time. In the case of medical emergency, Erlandson Piano Studio is granted permission to order necessary emergency treatment for students. Mrs. Erlandson is authorized to take whatever action is deemed necessary for the health and safety of students in the event of an accident or illness.

Please sign if you agree to the terms and conditions of the studio policy.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____