



STUDIO POLICY August 2020 – August 2022

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Tuition Rates

- \$130 per month for 30-minute lesson in my Ramona home
- \$140 per month for 30-minute lesson in your home (travel fee may vary)
- \$200 per month for 45-minute lesson in your home (travel fee may vary)

Tuition includes

- Specialized private lessons for each individual student (virtually or in person)
- Spring formal recital
- Christmas nursing home performance
- Certificate of Merit preparation studio recital (participating CM students only)
- Ear-training
- Sight-reading training
- Performance preparation and instruction
- Composition lessons (optional)
- Technique training
- Theory
- Diane's time and investment in musical preparation in and out of the studio researching and choosing repertoire that will best suit each student for optimal musical training, planning and attending competitions and recitals, and actively participating in the Certificate of Merit events as a member of the Music Teacher's Association of California. Tuition also includes Diane's time and costs of traveling to your home for lessons.

Tuition may be paid by Cash/Check, Venmo, or Paypal due on the first of each month but may be paid at the first lesson of each month.

Cancelations: 30 days notice is required if a student decides to discontinue lessons for any reason.

Attendance Policy/Missed Lessons

Students are expected to begin their lessons on time and to have their weekly assignments completed, *with music organized and prepared*. Diane will need a chair set out next to the piano (before she arrives). If Diane drives to your home and the student is not there the lesson will be forfeited with no makeup given, and an additional travel fee of \$10 will be due. In the event of an emergency, Diane will assess accordingly. Extended time off, see *Summer Study*.

If your child is not prepared to begin their lesson on time the lesson will not be extended but will end at the normally scheduled time. There should be no snacks or beverages during lessons, and all personal needs attended to beforehand. Students learn best in a quiet environment so please turn off TVs/technology that would interfere with a student's concentration. If a student must miss a lesson, or is sick, **please notify Diane 1 day in advance** in order to schedule a makeup lesson. A student will have 6 weeks to make up a missed lesson. Students should not attend lessons if they are sick. If a student is contagious, but feels well enough for a lesson, you may set up a FaceTime lesson if you have an iPad. Please call ahead of time to set that up. *Tuition rates are not reduced or waived due to missed lessons*

Recitals and Performances

There will be two recitals, one in the Spring (following Certificate of Merit) which is formal dress, and one in December at a nursing home (dates will be announced), which is casual dress.

Certificate of Merit

Diane will assess each student's musical interest and ability to decide if they are ready to participate in Certificate of Merit: They must be practicing the piano in accordance with musical expectations for each level of achievement and completing all assignments as outlined. Parents are required to confirm their child's registration online and pay MTAC directly for their child's Certificate of Merit participation. Registration must be completed by October 30th and payment must be received between November 1-10. Detailed information will be sent via email.

Summer Study

Summer study will be arranged on a more flexed basis for family vacations. Tuition is still due at the beginning of each month. **If more than two weeks are to be missed in the same month, tuition will be half the normal monthly rate** and missed lessons *will not* be made up. If there is a break in lessons for an extended period of time, Diane cannot guarantee placement in her studio upon a student's return.

Other Fees

Students will purchase their own music and supplies. Amazon is the fastest delivery method. The following retailers are local:

Phone	Retailer
(760) 789-3154	Ramona Music Center 1045 Main Street Ramona, CA 92065
(858) 780-1812	Bertrand's Music 9906 Carmel Mountain Rd San Diego, CA 92129

Performance event fees for Festival competitions and Recitals sponsored by the Music Teacher' Association of California range from \$20-\$50 each. Other personally organized recitals, classes, or performances are free.

Studio Holidays

On the following days/weeks lessons will not be given. Tuition will not be affected as lessons are not calculated on a weekly basis:

Spring Break

Thanksgiving Week

Christmas Week

National Holidays

Practice Goals

Students are expected to practice at least five days a week (30+ minutes a day for grade school students and progressively longer practice times based on advancing repertoire). Parents are encouraged to help their children achieve their musical goals by helping them structure their day to allow time to practice, and are welcome to sit in on their child's lessons if they desire. Success in musical advancement will be achieved through daily practice and completion of all assignments. *Success in piano study is directly related to parental support and involvement.*

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____