

Grant's Piano Lessons – Home Studio Policies

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1. Home Rules

- Students and Parents may **NOT** come to the home when their lessons are not scheduled.
- Permitted areas during lessons:
 - Front room (studio)
 - Hallway to the bathroom
 - Studio bathroom (main-level bathroom)
- No wandering elsewhere in the home.
- Parents/Guardians/Siblings are allowed inside the studio per the attendance policy.

2. Studio Rules & Etiquette

- No food or drink near the piano (water bottles with lids allowed on nearby bench).
- Wash your hands before playing and/or use hand sanitizer.
- Remove shoes during wet weather; a shoe bin is provided.
- No pets allowed (allergies).
- Parking: street in front of the house; use the driveway if full.

3. Siblings

- Must remain quietly occupied (homework, reading, drawing, silent electronics).
- Waiting area: two reclining chairs and a table provided.

4. Parent Attendance

- A parent or guardian is required to stay for the full duration of each lesson. Students cannot be dropped off, and parents must remain until the lesson concludes.

5. Arrival & Pickup

- Families should arrive no earlier than five minutes before the scheduled lesson time to allow lessons to run smoothly and respect the previous student's time.
- Parents or guardians are expected to remain present for the entire lesson and depart promptly at the conclusion of the lesson, no later than five minutes after the lesson ends.
- If you are running late, please call or text immediately.

6. Bathroom Policy

Access:

- Only the studio bathroom allowed; all others off-limits.

Timing:

- Encourage bathroom use before lessons.
- Lessons are not extended for breaks.

Cleanliness & Respect:

- Flush and wash hands.
- Dispose of paper products properly.
- Leave the bathroom clean.

Young Children:

- Parent/guardian must assist if needed.

Safety & Boundaries:

- No opening cabinets, drawers, or personal storage.
- Misuse may lead to warnings or dismissal.

7. Behavior Policy (“Classroom Standards Apply”)

Respectful Conduct:

- Follow teacher instructions.
- Speak and act respectfully.
- Use an indoor voice.
- Stay focused.
- Handle instruments and equipment responsibly.

No Disruptive Behavior:

- No running, climbing, or roughhousing.
- No shouting, arguing, talking back, or refusal to participate.
- No throwing objects or unsafe behavior.
- No distractions (phones, toys, etc.) during lessons.

Respect for Property & Boundaries:

- No entry into off-limits areas.
- No handling teacher's personal items or studio property without permission.

Parents & Siblings:

- Must follow all behavior expectations.
- Siblings must remain quiet or wait outside/in the car.

Consequences:

1. First occurrence: verbal warning
2. Second occurrence: parent notified
3. Repeated occurrences: removal from lesson or dismissal

8. Property & Instrument Handling

- Treat all studio property, instruments, and materials with care.

Prohibited Actions:

- Handling instruments/furniture without permission
- Adjusting benches, sheet music, or equipment
- Writing, drawing, or marking on studio property

Consequences:

- Verbal warning
- Parent notification
- Suspension or termination

Damages:

- Parents/guardians financially responsible for damage caused by themselves or their child.

9. Safety & Supervision

- Lessons in a private home; the teacher supervises **only during the scheduled time**.
- Students left early or late without supervision are parent/guardian responsibility.
- Emergencies: teacher may call 911 or act at his discretion.
- Teacher not financially responsible for medical or ambulance expenses.

10. Attendance & Make-up Policy

- Students must maintain good attendance: they **cannot miss more than half of the lessons per month**.
- Maximum **2 make-up lessons per semester** (early August – late December).
- Make-ups are scheduled at the teacher's discretion.
- In the case of inclement weather, Zoom lessons are available and are to be scheduled by the teacher; the link is sent 10–15 minutes before the lesson.
- Late to lesson: remaining time from original start; no make-up for lost time.
- No-shows: 15-minute wait; not eligible for make-up.

11. Cancellation & Payment Policy

- Notify immediately if the lesson must be rescheduled.
- Make-up lessons require agreement within one week.
- Tuition is **non-refundable**.

Teacher Cancellations:

- If no make-up aligns, the lesson fee will be deducted from next month.
- If the teacher is late, he may adjust the lesson time or rate.

Student Cancellations / Inclement Weather:

- Snow or bad weather: lessons may occur via Zoom if possible.
- If Zoom is not possible, make-up is available at \$5 extra; otherwise, it counts as a student cancellation.

Late to Lesson:

- Remaining time given; no additional make-up.

No-Shows:

- 15-minute wait, then the lesson may be canceled.
- Not eligible for rescheduling.

Holiday & Summer Breaks:

- Tuition includes school holidays: Thanksgiving (Tue–Sun), Winter Break (2 weeks), Spring Break (1 floating week).
- Summer break: Following the June recital through the 2nd Monday in August.
- Minimum requirement of 2 lessons/month if you wish to hold your roster spot during the summer.

Avalanche Home Games:

- 41 home games; students get priority for rescheduling lessons on game days.

12. Video & Recording Policy

- The teacher does not normally record; written parent permission will be obtained.
- Student recordings require teacher approval; personal use only.
- Teacher materials remain the teacher's property; unauthorized sharing may result in termination/legal action.

13. Termination / Withdrawal Policy

- Voluntary withdrawal: notify the teacher before the 8th day of the month for remaining lessons.
- Tuition is **non-refundable** if not withdrawn in accordance with the withdrawal policy.
- The teacher may terminate lessons for repeated policy violations, unsafe behavior, or habitual late payments/pickups.
- Parents/guardians remain responsible for fees incurred before termination.

14. Liability Release

- Lessons in private residence; parents/guardians release Grant's Piano Lessons & homeowners from liability.
- Parents/guardians and/or the child are financially responsible for damage caused.
- Parents are allowed in the studio per the attendance policy.

15. Agreement & Acknowledgment

By signing below, I acknowledge that:

- I have read and understand **all studio policies**.
- I will ensure my child follows all rules.
- I understand noncompliance may result in disciplinary action or dismissal.
- I consent to the teacher's discretion in emergencies.

Student Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Teacher Name (Print): _____

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____
