

Piano Studio Policy and Agreement

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<https://drwengstudio.wixsite.com/pianoforsmile>

I. Teaching Philosophy

I believe that music is about telling your own story. During my lessons, we will not only focus on developing a strong foundation and technique but also achieving a beautiful sound that is your own musical voice. Lessons are tailored to each individual needs and goals.

II. Lesson Schedule

Lessons are scheduled on a weekly basis in 30-, 45-, or 60-minute time slots.

Lessons are held year-round, and students are expected to attend lessons weekly.

A designated summer (June 1 to July 31) and winter (Dec 1 to Jan 31) session will be more flexible due to holidays and expected travel.

Lesson schedules during flex month will be agreed upon between Dr. Weng and the students.

Makeup lessons (if provided at least 24 hours advance notice, see section IV) will be offered.

Occasional cancellations may occur due to Dr. Weng's performance plans and availability, and makeup lessons will be offered.

No lessons will be held on usual national holidays and makeup lessons will be offered.

III. Tuition and Billing

Payments are made monthly based on the number of weeks that month.

Invoices will be emailed by the 1st of each month; payment is expected by the 8th of each month.

Lesson Rates	Beginner Intermediate	Advanced Professional
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30-min	\$30	\$40
45-min	\$45	\$60
60-min	\$60	\$80

Rates are subject to change. Books, other materials, and registration fees for competitions/performances are not included. Beginner/Intermediate or Advanced/Professional (ABRSM Grade 5 and above) level are to be determined during the trial lesson.

Payment can be made via:

1. Check (made payable to Li-Wen Weng)
2. Cash
3. Zelle: drwengstudio [at] gmail.com
4. PayPal: drwengstudio [at] gmail.com
(Please select friends and family when making payment)

late fee of \$30 will be assessed for overdue payments or returned checks.

New students are offered a 30 min online trial lesson without needing to commit to the full month. Two ways to reserve your trail lesson:

1. Trialists may use Paypal (or Zelle): drwengstudio@gmail.com to reserve a spot. (Please select friends and family when making payment). Once payment is made, please email drwengstudio@gmail.com for availability. Fee for 30 min trial lesson is 30 dollars.

IV. Absences, Cancellations, and Makeup Lessons

Makeup lessons are guaranteed:

- if a student / family provides at least 24-hour advance notice.
- if Dr. Weng must cancel due to any reason.
- if inclement weather or other similar situations lead to cancellation.

There will be no refund or lesson credit for no shows or late cancellations. Dr. Weng reserves the right to offer makeup lessons in appropriate circumstances (e.g., unavoidable emergencies) and will make every attempt to be reasonable.

Makeup lessons may be virtual, in person on a different day, an extension of the usual time slot (if the schedule allows), or given as lesson credit.

V. Expectations for the Student and Family

Please arrive on time for each lesson. No additional time will be added for any tardiness.

Bring all materials, such as lesson books, lesson notes, etc.

Practice daily. Detailed practice advice will be personalized for each student.

An acoustic upright or grand piano is ideal for developing proper technique and students are expected to have access to such a piano. Beginners ideally should also have an acoustic piano. However, a fully weighted 88 key digital keyboard may be considered.

Maintain properly trimmed nails.

Participate in performance workshops, recitals, and competitions.

Parents / guardians are expected to ensure students are adhering to these expectations.

VI. Termination and Dismissal

Please provide at least 2 weeks advance notice if you decide to terminate your lessons.

Dr. Weng reserves the right to dismiss a student if there are repeated violations of this policy, not limited to but including overdue payments, disrespect, and frequent last minute cancellations.

VII. Communication

Text me (preferred) at (812) 272-8696.

Email me at drwengstudio [at] gmail.com

Optional Media Consent

Parent hereby consents to and authorizes Dr. Weng's studio to capture and use video recordings and photographic images of my children and/or his/her/their musical performance or quoted

statements in print, electronic, or online media, for educational and promotional purposes only, and without any compensation to me or my child(ren). Students will not be identified without further parental permission.

I _____, [agree | disagree] with the media consent as presented above.

Agreement

By signing below, I, the student (and the student's parent / guardian, if applicable) state that they have read and fully understand the policies outlined in this document. Furthermore, I agree to abide by all policies, including those specifically related to tuition and billing.

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent / Guardian Name
(if student age < 18)

Parent / Guardian Signature
(if student age < 18)

Street Address

City | State | Zip Code

Emails

Contact Phone
