

# PATRICIA DOLAN PIANO LESSONS

## 2024-25 Teaching Policy

<https://www.patriciadolanpiano.com>

— Please read carefully —

Piano lessons for all skill levels, age 7 and up

### Tuition\*\* \*\*\*

- ◆ Monthly tuition [September 1 through May 31] is due at the first lesson of each month.
  - ◆ Flat tuition fee of \$120 monthly for 30-minute lessons — Beginner to Early Intermediate Level
  - ◆ Flat tuition fee of \$160 monthly for 45-minute lessons — Intermediate Level
  - ◆ Flat tuition fee of \$190 monthly for 60-minute lessons — Late Intermediate to Advanced Level
- ◆ No registration fee
- ◆ No reimbursement for missed lessons
- ◆ Summer lessons [June through August] are charged per-lesson
- ◆ Tuition and fees may be paid by cash, check (payable to Pat Dolan), PayPal or Zelle.

\*\*Fees for competitions, theory exams, TMTA student membership and theory books are billed separately.

\*\*\*Adult fees are per-lesson - provided on request

### Non-Teaching Days

NOTE: Most, but not all, coincide with the GISD calendar.

- ◆ Labor Day: September 2nd
- ◆ The entire week of Thanksgiving: November 25-29
- ◆ Winter Break/New Year: December 20-January 3
- ◆ One week for Spring Break: March 17-21
- ◆ Memorial Day (observed): May 26

### Practice and Responsibility:

- ◆ Practice is essential to learning. Set aside time every day to practice. Beginners may start out at 10 or 20 minutes and work up to 30 minutes. A few months into lessons every student should be able to spend 30 minutes a day for a minimum of 5 days a week. Instructions in how to practice the music given in the lesson should be followed. Difficult spots in the music should be repeated until they are no longer difficult.
- ◆ It is mandatory for you/your child to have an instrument available for practice. You must have an acoustic piano or a digital piano (88- key, weight-sensitive keyboard) at your home. Acoustic pianos must be in working order and tuned as needed.
- ◆ Bring a 3-ring binder, books and a pencil to each lesson.
- ◆ Bring a bag dedicated to carrying music to/from lessons (1 per student) is mandatory.

### Missed Lessons, Cancellations and Rescheduling

Missed lessons/cancellations are not credited. Rescheduling of missed lessons is recommended at the teacher's availability. If the teacher has to miss a lesson and rescheduling is not possible, you will be credited for the missed lesson. Lessons that fall on Labor Day or Memorial Day holidays will be rescheduled.

### Recitals

There are two mandatory recitals each year – winter and spring. A Summer's End recital is reserved for summer students.

### Discontinuation of Lessons

A one-month advance written notice is required for discontinuation of lessons. Written notice may be given in person or email.

### Scheduling/Rescheduling Communication

Requests related to scheduling/rescheduling should be done via email or text - even if we have talked about it in the lesson.