

ENCORE MUSIC STUDIO POLICIES Fall/2020

Students are expected to continue lessons for a full academic year (August/September-May). Open enrollment may be held through the year with teachers availability. Students are expected to arrive for lessons in a timely manner with all required materials and music. They should have the previous lesson work practiced, and prepared. Occasionally students will need to memorize pieces and will be given time to do so based on teachers experience and knowledge of the child's ability.

Materials: Some materials may be loaned for the first month or two of the students lessons. Afterwards these materials can be ordered through the studio.

Waiting Area: Our current studio space has a great family area that you are free to sit in while you wait during your child's lesson. You may also leave and come back for your student. Other children are welcome to sit with you and we have a few toys and books in the family room, but please keep them quiet and respectful of the building.

Special Dates: Classes will usually begin mid-August and finish the year in mid-May. We will have at least 2 showcases. Once in mid-December, and a recital usually in mid-May. Exact dates will be given as soon as possible, please plan accordingly so the student can participate. Performance opportunities are very important for the student to receive recognition of their hard work and they should always be working towards a goal. It is also of extreme importance for your growing students to be able to observe other students at different levels to remember where they came from and to be inspired to work towards where they want to go!

Summer Lessons: TBA. We often hold 30minute lessons during special scheduled periods through the summer. The purpose of these classes is the keep the students "music brain" working through the summer, but still allow lots of time for summer play and family time. We will utilize lots of rhythm work and music games.

Student Attendance: Students are expected to be prompt to lesson time. If a notice of absence is given at the BEGINNING OF THE MONTH it can be prorated on the monthly tuition. Unexcused absences will be NOT be reimbursed. Please give me notice as soon as possible if you will not be able to make your lesson time. Excused absences with prior notice can be credited to next month. Your time slot each week is reserved for you alone. If there are too many absences, you may be asked to give up your lesson time. We need to make sure to be good stewards of studio time. An empty studio is not helping anyone grow. We are almost always on a wait list.

Makeup Lessons: There may be times through the season we may need to cancel lessons for personal or professional reasons for events and commitments in the community. In this case you will be notified as soon as possible, and a makeup lesson may be scheduled if time allows. If no make-up can be arranged, you will be prorated one class on your next months account.

Practice: Students are expected to come prepared with all their theory work finished and pieces prepared. They should expect to spend time practicing every single day. The length of their practice time will vary by age. 10 minutes for younger students. 30+ minutes for more advanced students. **Most of the students growth process will happen at home.**

Tuition, Fees and Payments: Tuition is due the first lessons of each month for the all lessons in that month. Piano, voice, and guitar Lessons are \$1 2.00 Per 30 minute lesson. Violin are \$12.50 per lesson.

For example if there are 4 lesson weeks in a month at half hour per lesson, your months piano tuition will be \$48

Checks can be made out to Encore. Or conveniently pay through the Parent Portal. There is a \$10 performance fee each semester at recital time. This helps cover recital venue and rental fees as well as the "supersonics plus" account.

Parent Portal: We offer the convenience of an online parent portal to you free of charge. Through this account you will make payments to your account, view studio information, and pay for materials and recital fees. You will receive your login by email. Please take advantage of this resource.

Supersonics piano account:

Each Piano student with an account in good standing has FREE access to supersonics plus piano account with TONS of resources for your student! Hundreds of free songs, games, videos, printable and fun backing track accompaniment to keep your student having a blast and LOVING MUSIC! We are dedicated to marrying time proven classical teaching techniques with updated teaching sources. We are constantly looking for new opportunities to serve your kids and help them grown. You will receive an email with your login information from SUPERSONICS PIANO. Your child can utilize these resources on the computer, but it is most helpful when used on the free app available for both Apple store and google play. Your child may be assigned certain things in the app that will be saved to their "bookmarks" on their account. I will send a note home with them saying this is a part of their assignments that week.

Parent Participation: Parents are an essential part of a student's success in music. As in their other homework, a student will probably need daily reminders to practice, and young students may need help reading to understand their assignments. Ask to listen to them play/sing their pieces often and once in a while sit down with them during their practice time, or ask them to explain their lesson to you! They learn best by teaching and you may learn a little music too!

Not only are we teaching your student to "play music" but we are helping them grow in character qualities like organization, responsibility, good work ethic, perseverance and self discipline. We know you are working on these things at home and music work is a good tool in creating great human beings!

Office Hours: I will probably be unable to discuss lessons or the students progress before or after lessons because of other students waiting for lessons at those times. Please give me a call or message to schedule an appointment if you have concerns or questions, or just to discuss their progress. You can also email encorekearney@gmail.com

Student/Parent Studio Agreement:

I have read Encore Music Studio policies and agree to do my part in the success of my child's music education by providing access to an instrument for daily practice. I agree to Encore's set tuition fees and I will do my best to pay them on-time, or, in case of emergency, be in communication to the studio about when accounts can be taken care of and set up a payment plan. I agree to encourage my students and support them by helping set up a DAILY practice schedule appropriate to their age and ability. I understand their hard work at HOME is where their growth will come from. I will do my best to expose them to all kinds of music, both classical and modern via live events, television programs, videos, or radio. I will do my best to have my student at their lessons on time with all needed materials for their lesson and being well rested and ready to learn.

MEDICAL: I agree to waive and relinquish all claims against Encore Performing Arts Company team members from any and all claims resulting from participation in the programs. In case of accident or sickness, I consent to emergency medical care for my child/self to be provided by ambulance or hospital personnel. I acknowledge the contagious nature of Covid – 19 and other contagious diseases and viruses, and voluntarily assume the risk that I and/or my child may be exposed to or infected by Covid– 19 by attending and participating and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed or infected by Covid-19 and other contagious diseases and viruses may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others. Including but not limited to employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

PHOTO: I also give Encore permission to use my child's picture in or on any form of advertisement for Encore or an Encore affiliated event.

Parent Signature _____ -
Date _____

I have read, or my parents has explained to me Encore's Piano Policies pertaining to me. I agree to come for my lesson one time, with all materials needed, and a good attitude. I will establish a daily practice time according to my age and ability and will return to my lessons with all my music practiced and prepared to the best of my ability. I understand most of my musical growth happens in my practice at home. Though I have my favorites I will grow in understanding about all kinds of music.

Student signature

_____ Date _____