



Mt. Pleasant Studio Contract/Agreement 2024 - 2025

Dear Parents, I'm thrilled that you have trusted me with your kids' music education. As you know, I'm constantly updating my teaching methods and looking for ways to bring the best education possible to your kids. It is my passion!

***Please read carefully since there are a few changes starting this school year.**

- **School Year Calendar:** It's based on 38 weeks of lessons (from Monday, August 12th to Saturday, May 31th). It runs very similar, but not exactly, as the Charleston County School Calendar, please notice the differences below.
- **Summer Lessons Calendar:** June to August.

School Year Calendar

- From Monday, August 12th 2024 to Saturday, May 31th 2025.
- Lessons are offered weekly on a scheduled basis.
- Tuition is paid on a monthly or yearly basis in the first week of each month.
- For those restarting on August 12th 2024, tuition will be only for ½ of your monthly tuition.
- For those taking lessons during the whole month of August, tuition will be your monthly payment.
- Our calendar is similar to the Charleston County Schools District but not the same, please make sure to identify the differences.

NO CLASSES ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

- Monday, November 25th to Saturday, 30th. Thanksgiving - Fall Break (Lessons resume on Monday, December 2nd)
- Monday, December 23rd 2024 to Saturday, January 4th 2025 Christmas (Lessons resume on Monday, January 6th 2025)

- Monday, April 14th to Saturday, April 19th. Easter - Spring Break (Lessons resume on Monday, April 8th)

Tuition

1. Full tuition for the month is due by the first week of the month. If tuition is not received by the 10th of the month, a \$25 late charge will be added to your account. There are no refunds for tuition payments received.
2. All month payments are the same except for August.
3. Discounts are exactly as in previous years. If you have a doubt about them, please call me.
4. You can pay for lessons by check, cash, or Venmo.



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About Venmo Payments. Most parents like to use Venmo as a way of payments, and we also like it. But there is a possibility, that probably you are already aware of, that Venmo might start charging a fee per transaction. If this is the case, and Venmo decides to start charging a fee, we'll then change payment methods to an ACH. **And** only in the case that you choose to keep using Venmo as a form of payments, the fee added per transaction will be covered by parents. We also accept checks and cash.

****New students starting from August 13, will have an increase of tuition based on \$90/hour. All recurrent students will keep the same tuition as before.***

Recurrent Students Equal Payment

- 60-minute lesson/week $38 \times 80 = \$3,040.00$ (\$160 for the month of August, then \$320/monthly from September 2024 to May 2025).
- 45-minute lesson/week $38 \times 60 = \$2,280.00$ (\$120 for the month of August, then \$240/monthly from September 2024 to May 2025).
- 45-minutes lessons twice a week = \$2,560.00 (\$240 for the month of August, then \$480/monthly from September 2024 to May 2025)
- 30-minute lesson/twice a week, same as 60-minute lesson/week.

- 30-minute lesson/week 38 x 40 = \$1,520.00). (\$80 for the month of August, then \$160/monthly from September 2024 to May 2025.

Make-Up and Rescheduling Lessons

Emergencies and health issues do arise, therefore making up classes will be arranged as the schedule allows, mutually. Because students and parents are busy, in some cases the class(es) will be made up the following month(s).

However, payments for classes must be made consistently each month for the entire number of lessons. It is possible to schedule or to make-up lessons during the holidays, as mutually acceptable.

1. In the case that you will not be in town during a particular week(s) or have previous commitments, please plan ahead for make-up lessons.
2. If you miss a lesson(s), the month(s) before, and therefore have a make-up class(es) pending, the current entire month of tuition is still due.
3. Parents are in charge of coordinating make-up lessons. In case there is a make-up lesson needed because of my schedule, I'll be in charge of coordinating it.

To make this easier and more effective, I'll be sharing with you the calendar with all options available for make-up lessons. This way you can find the spot that works best for you and request the date & time of your convenience.

****Extra make-up days during the holidays are available and will be posted in the calendar***

Exceptions: No-shows or last-minute cancellations (within 24 hours, unless it is a hospital emergency) cannot be rescheduled.

Master Classes

- Master Classes are \$25 per student (for those who are old enough to attend).
- Master Classes will be scheduled throughout the academic year.

Recital fee

Recital fee of \$35 per student. This is a different fee from the piano accompaniment one.

Practicing

- In order to achieve excellence in music (or anything else), practice has to become a discipline. It is required that parents help and encourage their children to practice every day. The amount of time will be specified, according to the age and level of the child.
- Students are to come prepared for lessons. In case they are not, they will be guided on how to practice and remain in the studio practicing. It is important for the students to grasp that they have to do their part before coming, so the work we do together is beneficial.

Instrument Rental

- All rentals are done through our automated system from the website. ([rental link](#))