

**Back Porch Music Studio**  
108 San Jose Dr \* Springdale, AR 72764  
**STUDIO POLICY 2023-2024**

**LESSONS & INSTRUCTION**

- ❖ Private piano & guitar lessons occur weekly at our home studio. Each student will be assigned a weekly 30 or 45 minute lesson as well as a 15 minute theory/technology time. Your tuition guarantees that we will be present to teach 30 lessons between August & June as listed on the studio calendar. The yearly calendar is published on the studio website: [www.backporchmusicstudio.musicstaff.com](http://www.backporchmusicstudio.musicstaff.com).
- ❖ Students are encouraged to keep a practice record & work toward musical goals. The study of music is rewarding and enjoyable, but it is also work! The recommended amount of practice time will be discussed with the student, and pieces should be practiced at least 5 days a week.
- ❖ Students are expected to continue lessons in the summer months and participate in Music Camps and/or private lessons. Students who do not continue lessons in the summer will be moved to the bottom of the studio waiting list for the upcoming semester.

**TUITION & FEES:**

- ❖ A **Non Refundable \$55.00 Studio Fee** per student is required for each academic year or whenever you begin music lessons. The Studio Fee enables us to provide students with loaner music, incentives & rewards, awards for the spring recital, theory games, lab materials & upkeep, music library materials, and miscellaneous handouts.
- ❖ Tuition for music instruction is charged by the year & not refundable. Tuition covers all lessons, group performances, and recital fees. Throughout the year, students may have the opportunity to participate in various festivals & competitions and will be responsible for those fees separately.
- ❖ Payment for lesson tuition may be made in one of the following ways:
  - 1 total payment due on or before the first lesson in August
  - 2 semester payments: due at the first lesson in August & the first lesson in January
  - Other payment options available upon request
- ❖ Payment options include:
  - Cash, Check, VENMO or APPLE PAY

**MUSIC & EQUIPMENT:**

- ❖ Lesson Books: 3-4 books approximately every 6 months depending on student progress.
- ❖ A piano, tuned with all keys & pedals in proper working condition or a full size digital piano with 88 keys and sustain pedal.
- ❖ 3 ring binder, 1 inch, for lesson handouts
- ❖ A metronome, or metronome app.

**ATTENDANCE & MAKE-UP LESSONS:**

- Consistent attendance is vital to musical progress. If a student misses a lesson due to illness, we will try to schedule a make-up lesson either in person or via zoom within the week. **Absences due to other obligations, including vacations, cannot be rescheduled.** If the school district closes due to inclement weather, our studio will also close. Make-up lessons will be given for all snow days and any lessons missed by your teachers.
- Do NOT come to your lesson if you have been ill, fever or vomiting, within the last 24 hours. Please ensure your child is free of symptoms for 24 hours before attending lessons.

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**MISC...**

- Email or text is the best and preferred way to reach me. If you need to cancel a lesson at the last minute, please send a text message. Voicemail will answer calls during lessons!
- Back Porch Music Studio and/or John & Treese Muller are released from any liabilities, accidents or injuries that may incur from the enrolled student with the participation of lessons, group classes, parties or events.
- During student & group gatherings & performances, the teacher reserves the right to use video recording or take photographs of students for use in the studio, advertising materials, lesson demonstration and studio owned websites. Photos taken by the teacher or that are shared with the teacher by other parents or students of gatherings or performances become the property of the studio and can be used at the discretion of the teacher in regards to the studio. The studio follows online safety rules in this matter.

*I authorize Back Porch Music Studio to take and use any photographs, videos or sound recordings of me/my child during class or while performing at recitals.*

*Likeness permitted: YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_*

*I accept and agree to the policies outlined above for the 2022-2023 Season.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_