

# *Zainy Arts Music Studio*

## **Policies and Tuition Information**

### **2024-2025**

#### ***Lesson Payment Overview***

**Lesson tuition for 2024-2025 is as follows:**

- Private Lesson (30 minutes a week) \$150 a month.
- Buddy Lesson \$240 (1 hour a week) (siblings close in age and skill level)
- Travel Fee for Lessons taught in private homes is \$40 a month
- Group Lessons are \$160 a month for a 1 hour lesson.
- Students enrolling are making a commitment for the entire year. We go by a 12-month registration.
- Payment is made online through our Stripe System set up at Billing due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.

#### **Recitals and Performances**

- We celebrate our progress together twice a year -- in December, and in early May. Recitals are held at Grace Community Church in Bulverde, TX.
- We may also offer several other community performance opportunities throughout the year and Jam Sessions. Jam Sessions are an additional cost and times and dates are set by the teacher.

#### **Piano Clinics (Elementary Age)**

Elementary piano students are invited to participate in piano clinics quarterly all together. These clinics are held in lieu of private lessons that week and are packed with loads of musical fun! These musically themed events include games and activities, various instruments to explore, music history and more. Kids love these weeks.

#### **Jam Sessions (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

Jam Sessions are offered for all students at all levels. These 90 minute sessions are designed to get students together to play in a garage band approach in a fun, interactive, creative environment. Students LOVE these sessions where they get to learn and perform several songs together as a band! Dates TBD. Jam Sessions are an additional cost of \$20 per student.

#### **Practicing**

- All students are expected to practice a minimum of 3 days a week for the time suggested on our practice guide, according to their level of advancement. Basically, for elementary age students this means 15 minutes a day 3x a week is a great goal!

#### **Lesson Time Structure**

- **Private lessons are 30 minutes long, Small Group Lessons are 1 hour long.**

- The rest of the lesson often goes as follows: Review of pieces currently playing, followed by a music game or activity reinforcing that day's theory, new pieces introduced, scales and chord work, improv or arranging work, and review of new concepts.

### **Student Responsibilities**

- Students are expected to arrive promptly for lessons with all musical materials and assignment books; prepare for lessons with daily practice; put forth their best effort during lessons; and practice regularly. Please see that they use the bathroom before our practice time together so we can make every minute count!

### **Student Behavior**

- Students are a joy to teach, and each one is different with their various passions, strengths, and weaknesses. I want to nurture a love for music and a teachable spirit among my students. Many words of praise and encouragement are given as I cheer each one on along their musical journey. Occasionally, a parent tries piano lessons for a child who is not overly zealous to be there. I ask that the child at the very least be respectful and kind to teachers and other students. If a persistent issue arises of a disrespectful or unteachable spirit the parent will be asked to sit in on the lesson to observe and moderate behavior. I want to see every child enjoy music and their learning time and will try to accommodate various learning styles and moderate learning disabilities. Often, children with ADD, dyslexia, and other learning disabilities will thrive in our energetic and upbeat lesson time each week. However, it is very hard to teach a child who just doesn't want to be there consistently and shows it in their actions and words towards others. Please understand if lessons are not able to proceed as planned due to consistent behavioral issues.

### **Materials & Equipment**

- I will assign appropriate music books, workbooks and, occasionally, sheet music, which will all be provided at no additional cost to the parents. All materials will be covered under the registration fee for each student.

### **Cancellations, Missed Lessons & Make-up Lessons**

- Tuition is not refunded for missed lessons. Teachers carry a very full schedule and are available only for your assigned lesson time. Much like karate or dance, we set aside your lesson time each week and are ready to teach. If you have a scheduling conflict we totally understand! However, making up lessons is very difficult and often becomes frustrating to find a new time in a busy family schedule. We do, however, offer a zoom call during the lesson time and will send an email with instructions for that week's practice. Students are encouraged to send in a short video of their song or problem areas we may need to address, and we will send help via email and short video back! 😊

- Makeup lessons may be online during the assigned weekly lesson time if that works for your family needs that week through a Zoom call if it is a private lesson.
- If the teacher must cancel a lesson due to unforeseen circumstances, the lesson will be rescheduled for a Make Up day soon after. She may also assign new music with pdf downloads for the parents to print out.

## **How Does our Tuition Schedule Work?**

Zainy Arts Studio meets for 40 private lessons within the given year. Our schedule follows the Comal County School District Calendar each year for Fall Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, and Summer Break. Any other calendar changes will be addressed via an updated email. Following a tuition-based payment plan allows parents to have a fixed payment throughout the year without the hassle of counting weeks, planning for holidays and vacations, or worrying about purchasing books and materials for lessons. On the weeks that we have recitals or piano clinics, regular lesson times for elementary students will be cancelled in lieu of the special event that week being hosted by the studio. The plan includes 40 private lessons, 2 recitals, an optional music camp week and optional piano clinics for elementary students and Jam Sessions for Secondary students within the year. It also allows the teacher 2 flex weeks of personal time for unforeseen circumstances. To recap, tuition covers....

- The regularly scheduled private lessons
- 2 recitals per year with other optional performances
- All books and sheet music, other materials as needed
- Jam Sessions Optional (Dates TBD)
- Optional Day at Zainy Arts Music Camp Week for Free (elementary Students)
- Practice kits, and Notebook for Materials Provided
- Printed resources, treats and prizes