

Tim Flores – Studio Policies 2021–2022

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Welcome to the studio! I am so excited to start working with you. Thank you for choosing me to help you learn about the wonderful world of music. I understand the vast amount of options that are available for quality lessons and am thankful for your trust in my knowledge, experience and teaching style!

My home studio is located right on Arlington Street near Downtown Acton in my home! I have a well equipped studio with a grand piano, additional keyboard and all the materials needed to create a great environment for learning, there is even space for parents to relax and listen in on the lessons if they chose to do so.

I also teach lessons throughout the Greater Boston Area in-person and would be happy to travel to your home or meet you on an online platform! Please feel free to ask about the different lesson options. My teaching studio is well equipped to teach high quality online-lessons and have been a wonderful option during the COVID 19 pandemic.

My Philosophy

I strive to create a safe and nurturing environment for each of my students. I always make sure that each student's own personal needs and learning goals are first and foremost and create a space where each student can be challenged and grow to love and enjoy all styles and genres of music. I believe in being flexible with each student's learning abilities and situation and pride myself on being able to adjust to each student's wants and needs.

Student Expectations

Every student has a different expectation for what they want out of piano lessons; because of this, each student will have different expectations that match their needs and wants, however there are some universal expectations for all students that I teach!

1. Start each lesson with a good attitude! Piano Lessons are for learning and having fun, no need to be upset thinking about our day. This is our time to have fun together and learn about music
2. Do your best to come prepared for each lesson! I will assign homework and if that homework isn't completed...it will be okay! We will make progress together at your pace and I will be there to challenge and support you
3. Have fun! It's music, it should be fun and enjoyable. If you aren't having fun let me know and we can find a way to become reengaged and adjust our plan!
4. Communicate with me! If you are unhappy or want to learn other music, let me know! I love learning about new songs and new bands and I want you to play the music that you want to learn.

Parent Expectations

Learning an instrument requires work from the student, teacher, and parent! Some students will practice a little, some won't practice at all, some will practice every single day without even having to be told. Every student is different and that is okay! We will work together to figure out a practice plan and how you can help get the most out of your child's lessons! I love maintaining an open dialogue between you and me so we both know how your child is doing in and out of lessons, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or ideas (you know your child better than I do!)

Lesson Books

Lesson books that are recommended by me can be purchased through the studio or you may purchase them on your own. I will always recommend seven

Supplemental Materials

1. I will provide all supplemental materials as printed or digital copies that may need to be printed in advance to the lesson.
2. A binder to keep all of our loose papers in is very helpful.
3. A pencil to write notes on our music.

Lesson Cost (In studio or within 7 miles)

30 minute lesson = 40\$/lesson

45 minute lesson = 50\$/lesson

60 minute lesson = 60\$/lesson

*charges may be adjusted for lessons taught outside of radius

***lesson cost for current students will be updated starting January 1st, 2022**

Payment Information

Tuition invoices for the month will be sent before the start of each month and will be due by the 7th of month. Some months may have 4 lessons and some may have 5 lessons, this will be reflected in the monthly invoice.

Late Fees: After the 7th a 15\$ late fee will be incurred.

Payments can be made with a check or one of the following online platforms that you may be comfortable with: venmo, paypal, zelle.

Venmo: @timplayspiano

Paypal: classicalpianotim@gmail.com

Zelle: classicalpianotim@gmail.com

Cancellations

- If you wish to cancel or reschedule a lesson please give me a 24 hour notice. Since Billing is done monthly a cancellation will be reflected in the following months billing.
- If a cancellation is not made within 24 hours, there will be no refund available.

Termination of Lessons

- I hope that we can work together for a long time , but should you decide to terminate lessons indefinitely, please give me a 30 day notice. This policy also applies to extended leave from lessons
- If leave is needed please be aware that I cannot hold a lesson time for more than ONE MONTH, upon your return we will find a time that works for you in the case that the original lesson time has been filled

IMPORTANT: If a 30 day notice is not given you will be billed for that month's amount of lessons.

Fall Schedule

Fall Lesson Schedule																				
September '21							October '21							November '21						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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December '21							Event Description													
S	M	T	W	T	F	S														
				1	2	3	4	September 6 - Labor Day (no lessons)												
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	November 24 - 28 Thanksgiving (no lessons)													
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	December 24 - 31 Winter Break (no lessons)													
19	20	21	22	23	24	25														
26	27	28	29	30	31															

Vacations and Holidays

- Vacations are important for everyone, all I ask is that you give me plenty of notice (at least 2 weeks) of any vacations or breaks. I will do the same should I go on on vacation or have any performances that interfere with our scheduled lesson time.
- If you plan on being absent from lessons for more than 2 weeks please see CANCELLATION policies.

Thank you so much for trusting me to teach your child piano!



COVID UPDATES

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic I have taken several steps to mitigate any risks involved with in-person lessons.

- 1. I will wear a mask during the time of our lesson unless all parties are vaccinated o**
- 2. I will sanitize my hands before and after each lesson**
- 3. I will limit physical contact with all students unless absolutely necessary to fix technique or hand position**
- 4. I will limit touching of the piano or keyboard, if I do touch the piano, I will sanitize the area with an appropriate disinfectant for each instrument**
- 5. I will expect full transparency about contact with COVID positive persons or any possible exposures. In the case of a possible COVID exposure from either party I will happily reschedule all lessons to a later date following appropriate quarantine or negative test results.**