



KAHRIE QALO

2025-2026
PIANO
STUDENT
HANDBOOK

Dear students and parents,

Thank you so much for trusting me to teach you, your child, or your loved one piano lessons! I am passionate about passing on this incredibly valuable skill down to next generations and helping people fall in love with the piano. I hope you find this document helpful.

The policies outlined are applied equally to all of my weekly students.

If you have any questions about anything, don't hesitate to ask!

LOCATIONS

Reeds Spring- My home studio

Springfield- Gowers Home

NOV 2025 - DEC 2026 HOLIDAY/VACATION DATES:**2025**

~~Personal~~ trips- Nov. 7-18th

Thanksgiving break- November 26-30

Christmas/New Year break- December 21-January 3, 2026

2026

~~Easter~~ break- April 3-7

Thanksgiving break- November 25-29

Christmas/New Year break- December 20-January 2, 2027

BILLING & COSTS

Reeds Spring

\$22 per 30 minute lesson

\$40 per hour lesson

Springfield (includes travel fee)

\$32 per 30 minute lesson

\$50 per hour lesson

Any **books** will not be included in lesson costs. I may suggest buying books for technique, theory, performance material, etc., but I don't require my students to purchase books. I use much of my own material in my lessons and can loan my own books for performance music.

I ask all of my students to download the **Tenuto app** for Apple users, and we will find an alternate program for others. Tenuto costs \$4.99 as of Oct. 2025, and it is used for theory and aural training exercises during the week to make progress on concepts that can be worked on outside of our lesson time.

Payment is due in advance at the start of each month, no later than the eighth day of the month. It is a flat rate that covers the entire month of lessons, regardless of how many lessons will take place that month because of student cancellations. Students will not be required to pay for lessons during holiday weeks outlined below or for up to 3 vacation dates per year as long as I am aware at least 30 days in advance. By the last lesson of the month, I will calculate the amount due for the next month and send you an invoice.

A late fee of \$20 may be applied at my discretion if a payment is received after the eighth of the month.

If you are owed a refund because I had to cancel, you can choose whether the amount is deducted from the next month's lesson or if you'd like to be given a check for the amount.

To regulate my income and prevent regular student cancellations, **student-canceled lessons are not refunded if canceled within 30 days of the lesson date.** If you do have to cancel due to illness or emergency, lessons can be rescheduled within three days of the original lesson for Reeds Spring students only. For Springfield students, we can set up Zoom or FaceTime makeup lessons.

Please let me know when you are not available for lessons as early as possible so that we can schedule a makeup lesson.

RECITAL/PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES:

Since I am establishing lessons for the first time, I don't have anything planned at the moment, but I will keep everyone updated on opportunities to showcase performance pieces!

ABRSM

If any of my students would like to earn certificates through ABRSM (The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music), I would be more than happy to walk through that process with them! I am going through their program myself. I will be structuring my lessons around ABRSM guidelines as a framework for repertoire, theory, technique, sight reading, scales, aural training, etc. Feel free to ask more questions about this opportunity!

<https://www.abrsm.org/en-gb/instruments/piano>

CONTACT

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Texting ~~me~~ is the quickest way to get a response in writing, but I do check my email daily. Feel free to call me as well. I can't always answer my phone, but if I miss your call I will call you back as soon as possible.

I'm so excited to work with you or your child!

-Kahrie Qalo

By signing below, you agree to the policies outlined in this document.

Student signature or
Parent signature if student is under 18