

Lauren Schack Clark Piano Studio Policies

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- **Studio Calendar:** The studio follows the [A-State Academic Calendar](#) for holidays and vacations.
- **Summer Lessons:** Lessons continue throughout the summer. This time is important for maintaining and improving musical and technical skills, and for preparing for auditions and recitals in the fall.
- **Make-up Lessons:** All lessons missed by the teacher will be made up. Decisions about making up lessons missed by the student will be made on a case-by-case basis. Lessons that are not excused will not be made up.
- **Excused absences** include illness and family emergencies only.
- **Cancellation Policy:** 24 hour notice must be given in order to cancel a lesson, except in the case of sudden illness or emergency.
- **Inclement Weather Policy:** If A-State is closed, lessons will not be held. If A-State remains open when the driving situation is questionable, a mutual decision will be made between teacher and parents based on safety conditions.
- **Instruments for practice:** Students must own or have daily access to an acoustic piano. This is essential for developing the ear and proper touch. A digital piano may be used for sight reading with [Piano Marvel](#), and for occasional practice.
- **Piano Tuning:** It is important to keep your piano tuned regularly, for proper technical progress and development of the ear. Keith Frazier, Piano Technician: 870-455-8376, kfraz67@bellsouth.net.
- **Practice:** Each student must maintain a daily practice schedule free from distractions. If the student is not fulfilling his or her practice commitment, lessons may be discontinued. The teacher is not obligated to teach a student who is too busy or unmotivated to practice regularly.
- **Billing:** Billing will be done prior to the beginning of each semester. Students/parents will receive an invoice via PayPal, or other arrangements may be made. Payment can be done once, twice, or three times per semester. During the summer, an individual schedule will be devised and payment will be collected only for lessons taught.
- **Studio Classes:** Pre-college students are encouraged to attend and perform at Studio Classes on Mondays at 3:15, along with the college students. These are not required, but

are strongly encouraged. Another day and time may be found for Studio Classes for pre-college students, depending on individual schedules and the number of students.

- **Lesson Lengths:** Students may opt for 45, 60, or 90-minute lessons.
- **Parents and others attending lessons:** Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend lessons at any time. Parents of young children must attend on a regular basis. Usually, it does not work to have young siblings in the lesson.
- **Parking Information:** Parents should park in Visitor Parking spaces between the Fine Arts Building and the Red Wolf Center. Be sure not to park in Faculty spaces in that same area.
- **Attending Recitals and Concerts:** A link to the A-State Music Department Calendar may be found [here](#). Dr. Clark's upcoming performances are listed [here](#). Students and families are strongly encouraged to attend as many concerts and events as possible. Listening to live music is essential to building a concept of sound, and becoming fluent in the musical language.
- **Performing in Recitals/Competitions/Festivals:** Students are required to participate in as many recitals, competitions, and festivals as possible. Such venues provide goals and encourage practice and improvement, as well as the stimulation of hearing others play.
- **Ways to Practice:** [Here](#) are dozens of ways to practice the piano!
- **Apps and Websites for Piano:** Click [here](#).

I agree to these Studio Policies.

Parent

Date

Student

Date

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