**RACHEL ANDREWS**

**Beginning Piano Studio Policy/2025**

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1. **What you can expect from me**

My studio is a safe space for anyone who is interested in learning the basics of playing piano, reading music and other aspects of music. I work hard to create a comfortable, happy space, with hard work and learning mixed in with laughter.

At the beginning level, lessons are guided by the book selected for each individual student. We will work on technical aspects of playing piano, such as posture, hand position and fingering, as well as note reading, rhythm and important musical notation. As the students advance, other musical pieces will be selected that suit the student’s interests and address specific technical issues. I will also provide students with a practice plan each week.

\* I promise to treat my students with care and respect.

\* I promise to always give you my best and treat you as an individual and support your goals and aspirations.

\* I promise to return your call, email or text in a timely manner.

\* I promise to be on time.

\* I promise to listen to your concerns and try my best to solve the problem.

\* I promise to acknowledge my mistakes.

\* I promise to be there for my students, for any

 reason.

\* My studio is welcoming and affirming (see #10).

1. **Expectations of student**

 \* Be on time for scheduled lessons

\* Come prepared with organized music, pencil, notebook and a willingness to take chances!

\* Let me know how I can improve your lessons.

\* Ask any questions you have!!

1. **Payment**

Payment is due at the time of your lesson through Venmo or Apple Pay. If you would like to pay for a block of lessons, this is acceptable. I am happy to provide receipt of payment.

**RATES**

30 minute lessons: $45

45 minute lessons: $65

1. **Lessons are being held in person.**
2. **Scheduling: I use Squarespace/Aquity for online scheduling. The link is:**

<https://AndrewsVoiceStudioSEMichigan.as.me/>

1. **Books, supplies and Fees**

Beginning piano books cost generally under $10-20. Depending on the speed the student learns, several books will be purchased over the course of the year. I am also happy to loan out music and direct you to online sources. Please bring a small notebook or pad of paper where we can keep notes about your lesson and lay out practice goals for the following week.

1. **Audio recordings**

If requested, we can audio or video record the lessons each week. This can be a tool for the student to remember the specific issues we worked on during a lesson to guide their practice throughout the week. They are not for public use. If you’d like to have a recording made for public use, please let me know!

**7. Cancellations/Holidays**

\* 24-hour notice cancellation is requested

\* No lessons on “bank” holidays

 (Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve or Christmas, New Year’s Day, etc.)

Cancellations of lessons due to weather are understandable. Generally, if schools are closed, lessons will be canceled. Again, this will be posted on the Facebook page, and sent to you via text/email. If you know of a cancellation (for vacation, school event, etc.) ahead of time – please let me know at the beginning on the month! For any cancellation, you may call, text, email or send message through Facebook. I understand cancellations due to extenuating circumstances, such as sudden illness, or other emergencies.

1. **Leaving the studio**

Please know that I will understand and respect your decision to leave this studio for whatever reason. I hope that you will communicate with me directly about this, so that we can make sure all our affairs are in order. If you feel that we are not “working” as a teacher/student, talk to me about it, and I will work to help you find another situation.

1. **For the parents of students under 18 years old.**

I suggest that parents come to the first lesson and observe the lesson, and then to give your child and I the space to work freely in the weeks following. We can arrange a times for you to arrive early for pickup to check in on our progress. I will give your child notes of what to work on each week. Your child’s safety and security are of utmost importance to me.

1. **Welcoming and Affirming**

As a teacher, I choose to celebrate all of my students as individuals with diverse gifts and experiences. In my studio, I provide sanctuary for all persons, no matter the race, religion, sexual and gender identity, or age, and I orient lessons to help my students express their diversities. It is never my intent to question, alter or erase the individuality of any of my students, but rather to celebrate them and give them tools to share their gifts with the world. I ask in return that my students celebrate, protect and respect each other, and that they let me know when I am not succeeding in my vision.