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# Rebecca Wu Studio Policy

Hi Parents and Students,

I'm looking forward to working with you to reach your pianistic and musicianship goals. All students are offered a well-rounded program of instruction with study in repertoire, theory, musicianship, ear training, technique, and sight reading.

## My Teaching Philosophy:

My goal as a music teacher is to instill a love of music and the desire to create something that connects the past to the present in each student. In learning music, students recognize the connection between art and life. I believe that music teaches skills are beneficial in all other studies; learning music trains a student to be disciplined, creative, detail-oriented, and self aware. Each student's individual personality and experiences contributes to the music they play and lesson time should be a mutual exchange of ideas.

## Practice: A family responsibility

Consistent and focused practice is the best way to improve and achieve your goals. Praise and encouragement are the greatest tools in helping young musicians.

- Listen to your student's practice; comment on improvement that you hear and help articulate recommendations made at their lesson.
- Look through the lesson notes to stay informed on what your student should be working on at home and how they should be practicing.

Learning any new skill takes commitment in practice. Please help your student by supporting his/her practice time.

- Help him/her find time that will consistently be only for piano practice. Pairing it with a daily activity may help e.g. right after their after-school snack, before dinner etc.
- Keep siblings/TV/phones from distracting your student during their designated practice time.
- Provide your student an accessible and tuned instrument to practice on.
- Practice at least 5 days a week is highly recommended.

**It's not the length of time spent practicing that is important, but rather the quality of practice.**

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## Absences

Please let me know if your student will be absent. The time slot you have reserved for lesson is yours; in the event of unforeseen absences, there will be no refund. I will do my best to reschedule, but make-up lessons are not guaranteed. If you already know your student will be absent prior to paying tuition for the month, please let me know which date and adjust the payment accordingly. All lessons missed as a result of my absence will be rescheduled.

## Materials

Please make sure that your student has a staff paper notebook to bring to each lesson. Something like this (but doesn't have to be this exact one) will suffice.

[https://www.amazon.com/Manuscript-Paper-Standard-Wire-Bound-Stave/dp/0881884995/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1501629761&sr=8-1&keywords=staff+paper](https://www.amazon.com/Manuscript-Paper-Standard-Wire-Bound-Stave/dp/0881884995/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1501629761&sr=8-1&keywords=staff+paper)

Materials are not included in the lesson fee. I will integrate piano books that are already part of your music library, provide sheet music, and/or recommend books for your purchase. You will then be responsible for the purchase of these materials. I can recommend stores or online retailers to you if necessary.

## Tuition

I charge \$35.00 per 30 minutes of lesson/per student. The tuition for the month is due on the first lesson of the month. Take note of months that have 5 lesson days or school breaks. Checks payable to "Rebecca Wu" can be dropped off at the school office or mailed to:

Rebecca Wu  
44221 Opal Court  
Fremont, CA 94539

If you have dropped off or mailed a check, please shoot me a quick email or text to let me know.

You can also send tuition through PayPal to my account with the email [rwuumusic@gmail.com](mailto:rwuumusic@gmail.com). I will send a friendly reminder if payment is not received after the first week.

## On Lesson Day

Long fingernails hinder the development of good piano technique. Fingernails need to be trimmed on a weekly basis. No candy/gum/food is allowed during the lesson. Students should come to each lesson with all their music books and notebook.

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## Contact Information

If you ever have questions, comments, or concerns regarding your child's lessons or progress, please feel free to contact me by phone weekdays 6pm to 10 pm, weekends anytime, or anytime by email. I encourage students to contact me with any questions should they arise between lessons.

I can be reached at (510)378-3315 and [rwuumusic@gmail.com](mailto:rwuumusic@gmail.com)

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# Registration

**Student First and Last name:**

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**Parent(s)/Guardian(s) First and Last name:**

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**Home Phone/Cell Phone:**

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**Email:**

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**Home Address:**

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**Age and Grade of the Student:**

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**Previous Piano Experience (include any evaluations such as MTAC, MTNA):**

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**Previous Musical Experience: (other instruments, choir, orchestra):**

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**Current books being used or pieces your student is playing (if applicable):**

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**Any special needs or concerns:**

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**Any specific goals for the student:**

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**I acknowledge and understand the studio policy as stated above:**

Parent/Guardian:

Student:

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