



Private Lesson Studio Policy

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Teaching Philosophy and Goals

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Welcome to my private lesson studio at WCMS! I work very hard to bring out the best in each student. I greatly value having an excellent attitude, and having excellent energy at the lessons. Please feel free to visit my WCMS bio page at the following link... <https://www.winchestermusic.org/faculty/peter-morelli>

Required Materials

- Agreed-upon sheet music, lesson books, sight-reading materials

Traditional Lessons: Required Materials for Beginning Students

- Piano Adventures - Lesson Book, Level 1 (Faber)
- Piano Adventures - Theory Book, Level 1 (Faber)
- The Music Road, Book 1 (Constance Starr)
- Complete Color-Coded Music Flashcards (Alfred Music)

Suzuki Piano Lessons: Required Materials for Beginning Students

- Suzuki Piano School - Volume 1 - New International Edition
- The Music Road, Book 1 (Constance Starr)
- Complete Color-Coded Music Flashcards (Alfred Music)

Syllabus

- Coordinate movement of the fingers, hands, and forearms
- Tone production, rhythmic expression, phrasing
- Graded study of pieces
- Sight reading, ear training, scales & arpeggios
- Theory - classical, jazz, pop

Student Responsibilities

- **Practicing:** Meeting, or exceeding, weekly practice goals - practice amount to be agreed upon by teacher, student, and if applicable, family
- **Recitals:** Participation in a recital, or several recitals, during the school-year

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Recommendations for Parents:

- Attending lessons, for young students
- Understanding the weekly practice goals
- Having a notebook, and making notes at the lessons
- Making (phone) recordings during the lessons
 - *Please refrain from texting and sending emails at the lessons
- Organizing home practice schedule
- Creating a conducive, focused practice environment
- Encouraging regular listening at home - of regularly sent recommended music etc.

How to report a student absence: Please contact the WCMS main office by calling 781-721-2950 – you may leave a message at any time and the message will be date & time stamped. You may also email the school at wcms@winchestermusic.org Absences reported 24 hours in advance of the lesson time are considered an excused absence. Less than 24 hours in advance are unexcused absences.

WCMS Make up Policy: One excused absence from private lessons per semester will be made up. A student absence must be reported to the WCMS office 24 hours in advance to be considered an excused absence. There are no make-ups for classes or ensembles missed by the student. All lessons, classes and workshops missed because of teacher absence or school closing will be made up. Make-up lessons may be given during or between semesters. Make-up lessons missed by a student for any reason will not be rescheduled or refunded.

Health and Safety: For updates about the WCMS response to COVID-19, please refer to the COVID-19 page of our website (<https://www.winchestermusic.org/covid-19-information>)