



## Studio Policies

*Upon registering for piano lessons at LCA, you agree to abide by the policies of Piano Studio at LCA. Please read carefully.*

### Lessons

- 1) Piano Studio at LCA offers private lessons in piano.
- 2) Piano Studio at LCA accepts students who are currently enrolled at Loganville Christian Academy.
- 3) Students will receive 28 lessons during the school year.
- 4) Lower School students will have their lessons in lieu of recess one day per week. If these openings fill, the classroom teacher will be consulted to determine an alternate lesson time that is not disruptive to the student's academic schedule.
  - Lower School students are accompanied to and from each lesson by the piano teacher.
- 5) Upper School students are scheduled after school or during certain electives. Other options may also be available depending on the student's academic schedule.
  - Upper School students are expected to go to their lesson at the assigned time. The teacher will wait at least 15 minutes. If a student arrives late, the lesson time will not be extended. If a student does not appear, the family will be notified via email. This lesson will not be credited or made up.
- 6) The following lesson options are available:
  - 20-minute lessons for students in grades K-1: This is an abbreviated lesson; the teacher will have discretion in prioritizing content.
  - 30-minute lessons for students in grades K-12.
  - 45-minute lessons for students in grades 6-12: The piano teacher must approve a 45-minute lesson time. Not recommended for beginner students.

### Tuition

- 1) Tuition is as follows:
  - \$ 1,150 per year for 20-minute private lessons
  - \$ 1,300 per year for 30-minute private lessons
  - \$ 1,600 per year for 45-minute private lessons
- 2) Tuition may be paid in advance or in 10 monthly installments, August through May, as follows:
  - \$ 115 per month for 20-minute private lessons
  - \$ 130 per month for 30-minute private lessons
  - \$ 160 per month for 45-minute private lessons
- 3) A 5% discount is available for tuition that is paid in full by August 31, 2023.
- 4) Monthly installment payments are due on the 5th of each month, August through May.
- 5) Monthly installment payments are the same each month for 10 months, August through May. There are no partial month discounts.
- 6) A late fee of \$15.00, per student, is charged if tuition is not received by the 5th of each month.
- 7) If tuition is over 30 days past due, lessons will be suspended until the account is current. If a lesson is missed as a result of suspension, it will not be credited or made up.
- 8) All fees for recitals are included in tuition. This fee is not optional.
- 9) Tuition must be current in order to participate in recitals.

## Make-up Lessons

Lessons are not made up for any reason except the following:

- Teacher absence if a substitute cannot be arranged.
- School-sponsored field trips, events, or assemblies. *Please note: For students enrolled in LCA sports, a 24-hour notice is required if a student is unable to attend his lesson due to a scheduled sport activity. This lesson will be made up only if the teacher is able to reschedule at a later date.*

## Recitals

Recitals are considered a critical element in all music instruction; therefore, they are not optional. However, it is certainly understood that there are occasions in which students are unable to participate. Refunds or credits will not be issued for absence or inability to participate.

## Withdrawal

- 1) Budgets are set and teachers are hired based on enrollment. Therefore, families will be required to commit to lessons for the entire school year.
- 2) In the event of early withdrawal, the parent or guardian (not the student) must notify the teacher in writing, noting the date and reason for withdrawal.
- 3) In the event that withdrawal becomes inevitable, a withdrawal fee of \$200.00 will be assessed.
- 4) The withdrawal fee must be paid at the time of withdrawal.

## Fees

- 1) A one-time, non-refundable registration fee of \$150 is due at the time of enrollment. This annual fee covers administrative costs, lesson books, recital music, and materials for the current school year.
- 2) An extra, nominal fee is required to participate in the *Technithon and Hymnfest*. This optional piano event will be held in the spring.

## Enrollment Requirements

- 1) Families with unpaid account balances, from prior years, will not be permitted to enroll a student unless the following criteria is met:
  - The past due balance, including late fees, is paid.
  - Payment is made for the full 2023-24 year in advance. The advanced payment discount will not be available.
- 2) To avoid confusion for both students and teacher, families must consult with Piano Studio at LCA if they desire to take concurrent, additional lessons off campus.

## About Us

When LCA opened its doors in 1998, Kay Sauers joined the staff as the part-time music teacher. She began offering piano lessons at LCA and soon organized an official piano studio at the school. In 2016, Lindsey Gherardini joined the studio as a teacher and quickly grew to love the students and the school. When Kay retired in 2018, she asked Lindsey to oversee the piano program.

Lindsey's love for music showed itself at an early age when her parents noticed they could not keep her off the piano. She began playing in church at the age of 14 and is now a full-time church pianist. Lindsey earned a bachelor's degree in music from Pensacola Christian College in 2009 and immediately began teaching piano. She understands firsthand the importance of getting an early start in lessons and of giving students opportunities to use their talents. Lindsey's greatest desire is for students to not only learn music but to love learning it.

In 2022, Julie Brown and Lisa Cunningham joined the piano studio as teachers and share that same desire for students to learn and grow their musical talents. Both are very experienced teachers and a tremendous asset to the Piano Studio at LCA.