



Studio Policy

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The primary goal of ZemerLev Music Studio is not just to have the students learn piano, but for them to learn to effectively communicate through their music—a song of the heart. At ZemerLev, there are two purposes for playing piano that I desire all of my students to have. First of all, it is always a blessing to be able to share our gifts, by playing music for others. For example, King Saul was refreshed to hear David's harp. Even more importantly, our goal in playing should be to give G-d the glory. We should desire to praise Him in every aspect of our music. *This should be what we want to communicate through our music.*

In order to achieve these goals, we have several policies that will create a better learning environment for the students. Please carefully read over the following information.

Lesson Attendance

It is very important to keep a consistent lesson schedule, since learning an instrument teaches discipline as well as music.

1. **Absences.** Of course things happen. If there is an emergency or illness, please inform me as soon as possible. Such instances will count as an excused absence. For unexcused absences, the student will be charged for the lesson. Unexcused absences include, but are not limited to, simply not showing up or notifying of a change of lesson at least one week before. If the student or teacher is unable to make a lesson for one week, a makeup lesson will need to be rescheduled, if possible.

Communication is the key. I am taking time out of my day to prepare for the lesson. If you will not be coming to that lesson, *please let me know.* It is also not fair to other students who are consistent with their lessons.

Please note that lessons may be canceled for the Jewish holidays.

2. **Tardiness.** Students running late to lessons will need to inform me that they are running late. It cannot be guaranteed that the student will receive full lesson time if he is late. If tardiness and/or absences are frequent, the student may be asked to continue lessons at a time when he will be able to keep his lesson schedule.
3. **Withdrawal.** A student is counted as absent until he has specifically notified the teacher that he will no longer continue lessons. The teacher must be notified at least one week before, or the student will be charged for that lesson.

Studio Conduct

To create the best learning environment for all students, we ask that everyone abide by the studio rules. A child in class may be accompanied by one other sibling in the studio at a time. If the waiting child is under 10, the parent must also be present. We would ask that the parent would have books or something for their child to do quietly during this time. We will not be responsible for the behavior of the other child; therefore, *the parent must keep watch of the child at all times.*

Practicing and Assignments

I put a special emphasis on practice. No student will progress with just a lesson and no practice. The student (and parent/guardian) must agree to the practice policy before beginning lessons at ZemerLev Music Studio. For each lesson, I will assign a workbook and a practicing assignment to be completed by the next lesson. It is also part of the responsibility of the parent to see that the student practices and completes all assignments. A student who does not practice will not excel, and if I see no improvement I may ask him to continue lessons at a time when he will be able to practice.

Please note that young children may require assistance to complete their assignments. If a parent or older sibling is unable to provide that assistance, I would ask that the child continue lessons at a time when he can complete the assignments on his own.

Parents are always welcome to be present at the lesson.

I have read this information and agree to the standards set forth at ZemerLev Music Studio.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Teacher Signature _____ Date _____

“Let everything that has breath praise the L-rd!” Psalm 150:6