

Performing Arts Academy

of Bryan College Policies and Procedures 2023-2024

The Performing Arts Academy of Bryan College is an outreach of Bryan College located in Dayton, TN. Performing Arts Academy teachers have earned a degree in music or have achieved a mastery of their instrument through years of study. PAA has also served as a practicum for rising teachers who are studying music at Bryan College. Student teachers are approved by the Bryan College piano instructor.

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ANNUAL REGISTRATION

A registration and activity fee of \$25 per student (\$45 per year) or \$50 per semester (\$90 per year) for 2+ children is due by August 15th in the fall, and January 15th in the spring if you choose to pay by semester. The registration fee is payable online at bryan.edu/artsacademy. This yearly fee for students taking private lessons and/or classes makes the student eligible to participate in PAA events.

LESSON FEES

Tuition is dependent on a teacher's experience and credentials. Tuition is due either as one payment at the beginning of the semester due on April 15 and January 15, or four equal installment payments each due on the 15th of Aug/Sept/Oct/Nov and Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr.

30-Minute Weekly Lesson Instruction:

- Level 1 \$186 per semester (\$47 each installment)
- Level 2 \$260 per semester (\$65 each installment)
- Level 3 \$347 per semester (\$87 each installment)

60-Minute Weekly Lesson Instruction:

- Level 1 \$337 per semester (\$84 each installment)
- Level 2 \$482 per semester (\$121 each installment)
- Level 3 \$656 per semester (\$164 each installment)

30 min lessons (a la carte):

- Level 1 \$16 per lesson
- Level 2 \$22 per lesson
- Level 3 \$29 per lesson

60 min lessons (a la carte):

- Level 1 \$28 per lesson
- Level 2 \$41 per lesson
- Level 3 \$55 per lesson

CLASS FEES

The class tuition (and registration fee) is due before the first class begins.

INSTRUMENTS

If a student is taking piano lessons, it is highly recommended that the student have at least a keyboard with 88 weighted keys and pedal at home. PAA does not provide string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instruments. Those can be rented through Giant Steps in Chattanooga (<https://www.giantstepsmusic.com/>) if the student does not own or wish to purchase an instrument.

ACADEMIC TERM

Lessons and classes are for 12 sessions each semester. If there is a holiday or a teacher must miss for an emergency, this schedule allows for those missed weeks. If a student reaches the end of a semester and wishes to add more lessons, they can purchase “a la carte” lessons and should let their teacher know they wish to do so.

STUDENT’S MISSED LESSONS

When a student must miss a private lesson, we ask that you give the teacher at least 24-hour notice if possible. The teacher is not obligated to reschedule a lesson if a student misses. However, we kindly ask that if the **student** is sick, **do not come to a lesson**. The teacher may offer a virtual lesson in place of the in-person lesson or an alternative lesson date/time as teachers’ schedules allow.

LOCATION AND WAITING POLICY

Lessons are given at Bryan College. Please note that students are not allowed to be in Rudd unsupervised and are not allowed to use other pianos to warm up when waiting. Teachers will let students into the building and bring them back to parents once the lesson is over. Benches are provided in a sitting area for parents and siblings to wait. Students should not be left unattended in the waiting or parking area nor in an older sibling’s care before or after lessons. We require this to show consideration for others who use the building and, equally, to ensure that your children are safe. Parents are welcome to attend lessons.

CANCELLATION

If it becomes necessary to withdraw from private lessons, and the entire semester has been paid for, we will prorate a refund based on the number of lessons that should have been given. If installment payments were made, the PAA director will determine if anything is owed or if any prorated refund will be given based on the number of lessons that should have been given. **Parents are responsible to notify the teacher and the PAA director if they choose to withdraw their student.**

PAA NEWSLETTERS

Throughout the year, families of PAA students will receive a newsletter highlighting upcoming events, sign-up deadlines, student accomplishments, relevant Bryan College concerts or events, etc. Please do your best to keep up with these so that your family can have the best PAA experience possible and take advantage of everything we are able to offer.

COMMUNICATION

The PAA office, director, and teachers will email information on a regular basis via email to inform the parents of upcoming payment dates, events, activities, and other important information. Teachers will also communicate information to parents verbally before or after lessons. Some information that is sent in emails will also be posted on social media as reminders so be sure to follow us. **Parents should check their email *regularly* so they don't miss anything important.**

CHANGING TEACHERS

Sometimes it becomes necessary to change teachers. Parents and students should not hesitate to request a change for fear of hurting the teacher's feelings. The student's individual development as a musician and person is our primary concern. Sometimes we may need to suggest a change. All of our teachers are well qualified, yet we each have our own teaching style. If a change is needed, contact the student's teacher and/or the PAA director.

GOALS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12

PRACTICE

As with any skill, learning a musical instrument requires adequate practice in order to make progress. Teachers will set specific practice goals for the students, which will enable them to steadily develop their musical abilities.

LISTENING

What a student hears will have an immense impact on how he or she performs. We encourage students to learn from many performances which can be heard online. Ask your teacher for specific recommendations.

PUBLIC PERFORMANCE

Music is meant to be shared. Students will develop confidence as they take advantage of various performing opportunities both at Bryan and at other venues. We encourage our students to perform at church, school, and other social functions.

PERFORMING ARTS ATTENDANCE

We encourage our students to enrich their cultural experience through attending programs of the performing arts. The concert series at Bryan College is a great place to start: www.bryan.edu/arts. PAA students and their immediate family can get discounted tickets to all music and opera events.