

Performing Arts Academy

of Bryan College Policies and Procedures 2024-2025

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 Performing Arts Academy director.

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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 makes the student eligible to participate in PAA recitals and events such as workshops, master classes, festivals, and field trips in addition to their private lessons and/or classes.

LESSON FEES

Tuition is dependent on a teacher's experience and credentials and billed by the semester. 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) for group classes is due before the first class begins.

INSTRUMENTS

PAA does not provide keyboard, string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instruments. It is recommended to consult with your teacher prior to acquiring an instrument. 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. Instrument rentals are available at places such as Giant Steps (Chattanooga, www.giantstepsmusic.com/) if the student does not own or wish to purchase an instrument.

ACADEMIC TERMS

Fall and Spring academic semesters each span approximately 17 weeks. Tuition for each academic semester includes 12 lesson sessions. This accounts for breaks/holidays and the possibility of sickness, inclement weather, travel, etc. If a student reaches the end of the 12 allotted lessons before the end of the academic semester and wishes to add more lessons, they can arrange with their teacher to schedule and purchase “a la carte” lessons.

MISSED LESSONS

Please notify the teacher in advance of planned absences. No-shows or lessons canceled less than 24 hours before the scheduled lesson time for anything other than sickness are still financially binding and will not be made up or refunded. However, we 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.

Lessons canceled by the teacher will be rescheduled or refunded if there is not an opportunity to make up the lesson before the end of the academic semester.

LOCATION AND WAITING POLICY

Lessons are given on campus at Bryan College in the Rudd Auditorium building. Students should not be left unattended before or after lessons and are not allowed to use campus classrooms or instruments while waiting without permission from their teacher or the PAA director. Teachers will let students into the building at the time of their lesson. Benches are provided in a waiting area for parents and siblings. 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 outstanding lessons. 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 via email highlighting upcoming events, sign-up deadlines, student accomplishments, relevant Bryan College

concerts or events, etc. Please notify the PAA director in the case of a change in email address so that your family can be kept in the loop, take advantage of everything we offer, and have the best PAA experience possible.

COMMUNICATION

The PAA office, director, and teachers will send information on a regular basis via email to notify parents of upcoming payment dates, events, activities, and other important information. Teachers may also communicate information to parents verbally before or after lessons and information will also be posted on social media for families to follow and share. **Parents should check their email *regularly* so they don't miss important notifications.** Please notify the PAA director in the case of a change in contact information.

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 each have their own teaching style and schedule limitations. If a change is needed, contact the student's teacher and/or the PAA director.

GOALS FOR STUDENTS

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 as many performances as possible both in-person and virtually. Join us for PAA events and field trips or ask your teacher for specific recommendations to increase the students' music exposure.

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 can be used as a starting point: www.bryan.edu/arts. PAA students and their immediate family can get discounted tickets to all music events.