



FunKey Piano Project

2023-2024

Parent/Student Handbook



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Texas State FunKey Piano Project

Overview

FunKey Project was founded in 2018 by Dr. Daria Rabotkina for the local community. Piano lessons are open to students in grade levels K-12.

Lessons are scheduled individually with the assigned private teacher. Weekly lessons are taught by the members of keyboard faculty and piano majors at Texas State. The students are matched with a piano teacher by their level and personality. Piano majors are supervised by the Texas State faculty members and are eager to share their enthusiasm and love for piano education with the students of FunKey Piano Project.

FunKey Piano Project concludes each semester with an evaluation and a formal performance, where all families are welcome to celebrate music and their child's efforts!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Tuition

FunKey Piano Project offers twenty, 30-minute lessons at \$300 per year, or ten lessons at \$150 per semester. This includes private lessons, performances and evaluation. 45-, and 60-minute lessons are available upon request. Additional lessons can be negotiated with your teacher, at their personal pay rate.

Payment is due in full by the last day of the registration.

Calendar 2023-2024

Fall 2023		
Fri, August 25		Fall Registration Ends/ Online Payment Due
Tue, September 5		First Day of Lessons
Sun, November 12		Last Day of Lessons
Sun, November 12	2pm	FunKey Fall Concert
Wed, November 15	6-9pm	FunKey Fall Evaluation

Spring 2024		
Sun, January 14		Spring Registration Ends/ Online Payment Due
Mon, January 29		First Day of Lessons
March 10-17	Spring Break	No Lessons
Sun, April 14		Last Day of Lessons
Sun, April 14	2pm	FunKey Spring Concert
Wed, April 17	6-9pm	FunKey Spring Evaluation

Music Stores

Families are responsible for buying music for the student. Options for piano purchases/rentals music scores:

Online: amazon.com, alfred.com, sheetmusicplus.com

Austin: Strait Music Company (2428 W. Ben White Blvd, Austin, TX 78704)

San Antonio: Alamo Music (425 N. Main Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78205) and RBC Pepper Sheet Music (4415 Centerview Drive, San Antonio, TX 78228)

Examples of the sheet music for the beginners: John W. Schaum Piano Pre-A: The Green Book, The Russian School of Piano Playing, Book 1, Part II.

Location

Lessons are taught at the Texas State University School of Music.

Evaluations take place in the **Music Building Recital Hall** in the **School of Music**.

Address:

101 Pleasant St, San Marcos, Texas 78666

Recitals are held at the **Performing Arts Center Recital Hall**.

Address:

430 Moon Street, San Marcos, TX 78666

Parking

Read about Parking regulations here: <http://www.parking.txstate.edu/regulations.html>

“With the exception of the LBJ Student Center and Edward Gary Street Garages, visitors (see III.F.1&2) and vehicles displaying a **pay-and-display** or Pay-by-App temporary permit, every vehicle parked on university property must be registered with Parking Services and properly display a Texas State physical or virtual parking permit.”

“Pay-and-Display Permits – One-day physical temporary permits are available at Pay-and Display machines located at the Speck St. Garage, the Coliseum Lot, the Recreational Sports fields near Bobcat Village, the Meadows Center, the Family and Consumer Science lot, **the Pleasant Street Garage**, University Events Center, Bobcat Stadium West and Bobcat Stadium East, and at the Round Rock campus. These one-day permits are valid only in the specified lot or garage. Vehicles may not display a Pay-and-Display permit if outstanding fines are assigned to that vehicle.”

Lesson, Performance and Absence Policy

Lesson Policy

- Parents/caregivers MUST remain in the room at all times during the lesson. Cellphones can be used for recording a lesson only, with the permission of your teacher. Writing down the instructions and homework is highly encouraged.
- By the end of the registration period, a student must have an instrument with a full keyboard of 88 keys at home. Lessons will not be given unless a student has an instrument available for daily practicing. Options include renting/buying a piano or a keyboard. An upright piano or a grand piano are more encouraged for successful practicing than a keyboard.
- The student would need to purchase music scores which will be used in class.
- Please be on time. Have your music ready and any additional supplies requested by your teacher.
- Students are expected to practice daily and to come to lessons fully prepared.

Performance Policy

Concerts and evaluations are all mandatory FunKey Piano Project events. Missing one of these events without a prior written permission of Dr. Rabotkina will result in the removal from the project.

All repertoire and technical exercises are to be performed by memory.

Performances and evaluations require formal attire.

Minimum requirements for the concert:

Two pieces performed without mistakes, in a steady tempo and with the understanding of dynamics, articulation and character

Minimum requirements for the evaluation:

30-minute lessons - two major and/or minor scales and arpeggios, hands together and separately, played legato

Absence Policy

With the exception of a sudden illness, always let the teacher know ahead of time that you will not be at the lesson.

Lessons missed by a student are not expected to be made up by the teachers. Two (2) missed lessons are allowed during each semester with a valid excuse (see below).

A missed make up lesson will not be rescheduled.

Lessons missed by a teacher will always be made up before the end of the semester.

Valid Excuses:

1. Illness
2. Death in the family
3. Mandatory school activity
4. Religious holidays
5. Natural disaster