

TEXAS  STATE  
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

# FunKey Piano Project

2024-2025

## 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 graduate piano majors at Texas State. The students are matched with their piano teachers 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.

Starting in Fall 2024, we will offer theory classes for students with less than one year of piano experience, to be taught by our program coordinator, Ms. Hayoung Lee. More information regarding our theory classes will be communicated by email before the first week of classes.

FunKey Piano Project concludes each semester with 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 ten, 30-minute lessons at \$180 per semester. This includes private lessons, group classes, and a formal performance. 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 2024-2025

<b>Fall 2024</b>	
Fri, September 6	Fall Registration Ends/ Online Payment Due
Mon, September 9	First Day of Lessons
November 4-8	First Concert Rehearsal
November 11-15	Dress Rehearsal/ Last Week of Lessons
Sun, November 17	FunKey Fall Concert

<b>Spring 2025</b>	
Sun, January 12	Spring Registration Ends/ Online Payment Due
Mon, January 27	First Day of Lessons
March 9-16	No Lessons, Spring Break
March 31-April 4	First Concert Rehearsal
April 7-11	Dress Rehearsal/ Last Week of Lessons
Sun, April 13	FunKey Spring Concert

## Music Stores

Families are responsible for buying music for the student. Options to purchase the music scores:

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

*Austin:* Strait Music Company (3201 Bee Caves Rd Suite 140, Austin, TX 78746)

*San Antonio:* Alamo Music (425 N. Main Avenue, San Antonio, TX 78205)

Teachers will assign the music books before or on the first lesson of the semester. For incoming students with some experience in piano, please bring all the music books that they have used in the past.

## Location

Lessons are taught at the Texas State University 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: <https://www.parking.txst.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.
- Students will need to purchase the music scores that 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 prior written permission from the director will result in the removal from the project.

Minimum requirements for the concert:

Two pieces performed in a steady tempo and with the understanding of dynamics, articulations and characters.

## 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