

## How Do I know if piano lessons are worth the price?

Shop around! Not every teacher is right for every student. You will want to be sure that your piano teacher provides things that are important to you as well as the things that are important to student's musical developments.

Start by interviewing several music teachers to

learn more about their:

Education

Goals and Expectations

Philosophies of music education

Teaching Experience

Curriculum

Studio Policy

Above all, find out how they demonstrate commitment to excellence in music education.

No price can be put on such a beautiful art as music, but by investing in your child's music education, you can provide them with a skill they will enjoy for a lifetime!



For more information on finding quality music teachers in your area, contact Music Teachers National Association.

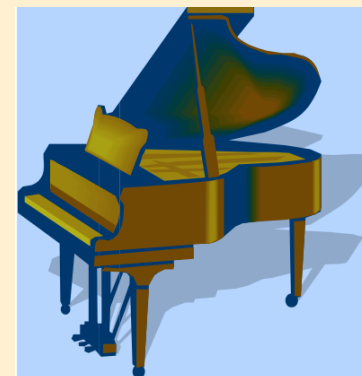
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## WHERE DOES MY PIANO TUITION GO? How does it benefit the student?

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Congratulations on choosing to participate in piano lessons!

Music has been proven to enrich the lives of all who participate in its creation or in its enjoyment. When you choose to take piano lessons, you are choosing to learn a skill that will benefit you and bring you joy your entire life! No price can be put on the beautiful art of music. Yet, obtaining the skill will certainly require assistance from a professional - your piano teacher.

Your teacher has chosen to make MUSIC their business and their occupation. As with any business, costs are calculated to both ensure that the highest quality product is given and that the business makes enough profit to continue. Investing in your child's music education can provide them with a skill they will enjoy for a lifetime!



## *Piano Lessons - for a lifetime of enjoyment!*

### What does my yearly tuition cover?

All Independent music Teachers (IMT's) differ in methods of operation. Tuition AT LESSONS BY LARISSA covers the following:

- **Time spent with the student**

Individual Lessons, Group Lessons, Preparations for Recitals, Competitions, and Exams.

- **Time spent in preparation for the student**

Lessons planning and review of student's progress, research, trips to the music store, bookkeeping, development of curriculum, etc. Professional music journals calculate that for every hour enrolled in piano lessons, you are investing in at least 2 hours of the teacher's time!

- **Your teacher's training and experience**

- **Recital costs and preparations**

Facility rental, programs, refreshments.

- **Professional organization memberships**

Memberships are maintained by the teacher to enhance their teaching skills and provide the student with opportunities for festivals, competitions, and performance events.

- **Professional journals**

Publications to assist the teacher in keeping current on new teaching materials and trends.

- **Studio expenses**

Copying, computer and electronic equipment, and computer software, incentive programs, instruments, tunings, repairs, newsletters.

- **Music books and CD's**

Materials purchased by the teacher to keep costs low for students.

- **Property taxes, self-employment taxes, insurance, retirement.**

The IMT has no corporation to assist in providing health and life insurance by matching funds. Tuition helps cover the increased living costs of your self-employed teacher.

- **Continuing education**

Lessons and classes that keep the teacher current on methods and techniques.

