

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS @  
Heritage Oak Private School  
School Year 2025-2026

Piano lessons are structured to meet the academic standards of the Certificate of Merit (CM) program, endorsed by the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC), as well as the National Guild of Piano Teachers (NGPT). Lessons take place on a one-on-one basis once a week, during non-academic hours of the school day or end of day.

Mrs. Rima Antonios, a dedicated piano teacher, is an active member of the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC, Orange County Branch) and the National Guild of Piano Teachers (NGPT). Since 1997, she has been providing piano lessons to students at HOPE, maintaining high standards of instruction with personalized attention for each child. She welcomes both beginners and continuing students in grades K-8.

The Piano Program offers the following:

1. Piano performance from a variety of styles and historical periods
2. Foundational and advanced knowledge of music theory
3. Professional Technique training for strong performance skills
4. Development of sight-reading and ear-training abilities
5. Weekly homework assignments of both piano practice as well as written theory for all students K- 8th grade.

Events offered throughout the year:

- Two main piano recitals: Christmas and End-of-Year for family and friends, with a social event following each program - held off-campus.
- Certificate of Merit Exams (CM) – MTAC State Exams offered to all eligible students - 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade – In-person and online testing.
- Public Student Workshops and Piano Recitals – Off-campus
- Yearly Theme Festival and Baroque Festival – offered through the MTAC Orange County Branch – held at Chapman University.
- National Guild Piano Auditions – through the National Guild of Piano Teachers – Online and In-Person auditions
- Limited possible opportunities to perform at school assemblies

## Registration and Lesson Fees:

A Non-Refundable one-time fee is required for registration per student:

For 50-Minute Lessons: A Non-Refundable \$1,000.00

For 30-Minute Lessons: A Non-Refundable \$800.00

Fees cover the following:

- ☐ Scheduling, all books, learning materials, and supportive supplies for the entire school year, including rewards, awards, trophies, and certificates.
- ☐ Fees for two main piano events: the Christmas and End-of-Year Recitals. These events are held off-campus on weekends and followed by social gatherings.
- ☐ All registrations and planning for testing, auditions and performance opportunities made available to all students.

Please note: Fees for events such as the Certificate of Merit and others are additional and will be charged directly by the respective program organizations.

30 minutes Private Piano Lessons (one-on-one with the teacher)

\$2,325.00 divided into three quarterly payments of \$775.00 each.

50-minute Private Piano Lessons (one-on-one with the teacher)

\$3,825.00 divided into three quarterly payments of \$1,275.00 each.

Payments are scheduled as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> payment due by September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> payment due on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> payment due on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

For further information, please contact Mrs. Antonios at:

Email: [RKAntonios@gmail.com](mailto:RKAntonios@gmail.com)

or text/call cell: (951)662-3398

Piano Studio Policy @ Heritage Oak Private School  
School year 2025-2026

### ***Piano Scheduling Policy***

Individual Piano times will be determined at the start of the school year, with approval from both class and PE teachers. Lessons will be scheduled during non-academic times, such as partial PE sessions, lunch or snack breaks, early mornings, or at the end of the school day. If a lesson is scheduled during a meal time, food will be allowed.

After-school lessons will be prioritized for upper-grade students. Younger students will ideally be scheduled for lessons earlier in the day to ensure they get the most focus and benefit from each session.

A ***Piano Calendar***, with detailed dates of lessons and events, will be emailed to all families at the start of the school year. The piano year begins on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school through the end of May 2026, a total of 36 lessons including two recitals and two at school rehearsals.

### ***Learning Materials & Homework Assignments***

All learning materials, including binders, will be provided to each student at the first week of lessons and will continue progressively throughout the school year.

***Weekly homework assignments*** will be assigned to every student and must be fully completed and submitted on time. Daily piano practice is a crucial part of the student's routine and should become a consistent responsibility at home. All piano books and supplies should be brought to school each week. Leaving books at home can delay progress in learning new concepts and advancing in piano lessons. An acoustic or digital piano is required at home for daily practice.

### ***Make-Up Lessons***

In the case of an emergency or illness, missed lessons can be made up if the teacher is notified before the scheduled lesson time. If a student misses a lesson due to a family vacation or personal business, that lesson cannot be rescheduled.

### ***Piano Payments and Refunds***

Quarterly payments must be made in full and ON TIME. Venmo or Zelle are preferred payment methods. Quarterly Payment Policy: Once the quarter has started, no refunds will be issued for quarterly payments. If a student is unable to continue lessons, they may drop out at the end of the quarter with no further financial obligations.

### ***Piano Events and Programs***

At the start of the school year, a detailed listing of all upcoming piano events and important dates will be emailed to every enrolled piano student. Active participation in these events is highly encouraged as it provides valuable performance opportunities and fosters a strong sense of community.

#### Key Events:

1. Christmas Recital  
A festive celebration of students' progress and achievements, where they perform holiday pieces and share their primary musical talents with family and friends.
2. End-of-Year Recital  
A culmination of the year's work, showcasing students of all ages and levels. This is the highlight event where students can demonstrate their growth and musical abilities.
3. Certificate of Merit Exams

#### Additional Programs and Events:

- Baroque Festival, Theme Festival, National Guild Piano Auditions,
- Student Workshops: Smaller, informal recitals where students can perform among other piano students and practice performance skills.  
Dates: Announced each semester

#### Participation Expectations:

- All students are strongly encouraged to participate in all events for which they are eligible.
- Events are designed to build students' confidence and skills in a supportive environment.
- Specific participation details, such as dress codes, piece requirements, and deadlines, will be communicated in advance.
- All participation is extremely beneficial to the student yet remains optional!

## HOPE PIANO ENROLLMENT FORM 2025-2026

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School Grade (2025-2026): \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Beginner ☐ Continuing Student: Years of piano \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark your preferences:

☐ 30 minute Private ☐ 50-minute Private Lessons

Parents/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Refundable One-time Enrollment Fee: \$1,000.00/50-minutes;  
\$800.00/30 minutes; enclosed: Check # \_\_\_\_\_.

Please email and submit all to Mrs. Antonios: [RKAntonios@gmail.com](mailto:RKAntonios@gmail.com),

Cell: (951) 662-3398.

Venmo or Zelle are preferred methods of payment.

All payments are to be made out to Mrs. Rima Antonios, Piano Teacher, HOPE.

Note: As Piano spots fill up quickly, early registration is strongly recommended to secure your child's enrollment. As always, with limited availability for each grade level, students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please acknowledge the contents of Registration and Piano Policy by signing below:

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_