

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS
Heritage Oak Private School
School Year 2026-2027

Heritage Oak Private Piano lessons are now offered for registration for the school year 2026-2027. Lessons are for all ages K-8th, beginning and continuing piano students, and are structured to meet the academic standards of the Certificate of Merit (CM) program of the Music Teacher Association (MTAC), as well as the National Guild of Piano Teachers (NGPT). Lessons are on one-on-one basis once a week, during non-academic hours of the school day.

Mrs. Rima Antonios, Piano Teacher, HOPE, is an active member of the Music Teachers' Association of California (MTAC, Orange County Branch) and the National Guild of Piano Teachers (NGPT). Mrs. Antonios maintains high standards of instruction with personalized attention to every child.

The Piano Program offers the following:

1. Piano performances from a variety of styles and historical periods
2. Foundational 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 - 1st thru 8th 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:

1st payment due by September 2nd, 2026

2nd payment due on December 2nd, 2026

3rd payment due on March 2nd, 2027

For further information, please contact Mrs. Antonios at:

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

Piano Studio Policy @ Heritage Oak Private School
School year 2026-2027

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 2nd week of school through the end of May 2027, a total of 35 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!

