



THE HOPKINS MUSIC STUDIO

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Hop Into Piano

Policies

and

Procedures

About the Studio

Located in Lusby, Maryland, The Hopkins Music Studio, LLC offers private piano lessons and music classes to students ages six and up. Founded in 2025, The Hopkins Music Studio (THMS) operates within Drum Point in Lusby, Maryland. THMS is owned and operated by certified piano teacher and elementary teacher, Ms. Lindsay Hopkins. THMS was created to give students of all ages and abilities a place to grow their love of music, piano, and learning. Ms. Hopkins offers engaging, curriculum-driven lessons that inspire and drive musicians toward success. Piano instruction primarily utilizes the Faber Piano Adventures curriculum, as well as other piano methodology libraries.

STUDIO PROGRAMS



Private Piano Lessons (Child and Adult)

The Hop Into Piano program offers weekly 45-minute piano lessons to beginning and intermediate musicians of all ages.



Studio Events and Recitals

All studio musicians are encouraged to participate and attend seasonal and annual recitals and events.



Music Classes and Workshops

The Hop Into Music program offers music workshops, camps, musical groups, and more! Classes range from toddler to adult.



Studio Piano

2011 Yamaha B1 PE in Polished Ebony



Faber Piano Adventures Library

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About Ms. Hopkins

Ms. Lindsay Hopkins is a licensed piano teacher and a certified elementary teacher. Born in Edgewater, Maryland, Ms. Hopkins grew up in a musical family. During her childhood, she played piano and clarinet, was a school chorus and band member, and was a musical theater performer for many years. At Elon University, she studied piano and piano pedagogy under Mrs. Eden Esters Brown and Dr. Victoria Fischer-Faw. She received two bachelor's degrees and was the first graduate of Elon's piano pedagogy program. Following her graduation, Ms. Hopkins was an elementary teacher in Calvert County for four years. Students under her care showed high motivation to succeed, significant growth and academic achievement, and a passion for the learning experience. She earned her M.S. in Educational Studies from Johns Hopkins University in 2023. When not at the studio, Ms. Hopkins can be found boating, gaming, making pottery, or playing with her two bunnies, Bumi and Moki.



Ms. Lindsay Hopkins, NCTM, B.A., M.S.

Studio Owner and Teacher

EDUCATION:

- Johns Hopkins University: M.S. in Educational Studies
 - Specialization: Mind Brain and Teaching
 - Specialization: Leadership in Technology Integration
- Elon University:
 - B.A. Music (Piano Focus)
 - B.A. Elementary Education
 - Minor in Piano Pedagogy

CREDENTIALS:

- Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Member
- MTNA Certification: National Certified Teacher of Music (NCTM)
- Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) Professional Teaching License
- Minor in Piano Pedagogy from Elon University

FAQ: Studio Policy Cheat Sheet

How do I contact Ms. Hopkins?

For daily communication and emergencies, text or email Ms. Hopkins.

Email: thehopkinsmusicstudio@gmail.com

How do I get to the studio?

The studio is located at 179 Deer Drive in Lusby, MD. Park on the street on Noni's Way or Deer Drive. Do not block cars parked in the driveway. If the driveway is unavailable, please park on the street or across the road from the house. The studio door is located to the left of the garage door.

You should plan to arrive at least 5 minutes prior to the start of your assigned lesson time.

What do THMS piano lessons include?

Each piano lesson is forty-five (45) minutes long. Instructional components include a warm up routine, repertoire (piano song) learning and practice, music theory, composition, and technique.

Should I stay or should I go?

The Hopkins Music Studio offers a comfortable waiting area for student guardians in the studio. You are more than welcome to stay in the studio, wait in the car, or drop off your child and run some errands! Please note that musicians need a quiet learning space to focus while they play, so please maintain a soft volume (think watching a movie or you're at the library!) if you wait in the studio.

I need to cancel or reschedule my lesson. What should I do?

Ms. Hopkins is not obligated to make up any lessons canceled by student absence. If the student cancels with a 24-hour notice via message or phone, a missed lesson may be rescheduled if the studio schedule allows. No refunds will be given for lessons missed by the student. If Ms. Hopkins cannot attend a lesson, notice will be given along with timely rescheduling of the missed lesson at no additional cost.

Hop Into Piano Policies and Expectations

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Each Hop Into Music piano lesson is forty-five (45) minutes long. Instructional components include a warm up routine, repertoire (songs and musical pieces) learning and practice, music theory, and technique. At-home assignments will be given during lessons each week.

TUITION/FEES: To secure your spot, payment for the first month of lessons is due upon enrollment. Tuition may be paid in full up front, or in monthly payments. Monthly payments are due on or before the first lesson of each month. Payment can be electronic or brought to the lesson. Tuition will not be reduced or adjusted due to student absence(s).

PAYMENT METHODS:

Student tuition can be paid via cash, check, Venmo, or Zelle. [Venmo: @linzhopkinz Zelle: 443-924-1980]

NOTE: Late payments result in a \$20 fee. Failure to pay after 1 week will result in probation or termination.

PRACTICE AND PREPAREDNESS: Progress only occurs through consistent attendance, engagement, and practice. Students are expected to practice at least three (3) days a week with each practice session being at least 30 minutes in length. For young students, parents are expected to assist with their practice time and practice log completion.

AT HOME INSTRUMENT: To ensure ability to play studio material, students are required to have an 88-key acoustic or electronic piano at home. **All pianos must have a sustain foot pedal.** Please contact Ms. Hopkins with any questions or concerns regarding this policy. Ms. Hopkins also has a limited amount of keyboards for rent if needed.

COMMUNICATION: All communication with Ms. Hopkins should be via email at thehopkinsmusicstudio@gmail.com or over the phone or text at 443-924-1980.

LEARNING MATERIALS: Each semester, a materials fee covers studio musicians' supplies and books. This fee is already included in the total semester tuition. If additional books or material are needed during the semester, Ms. Hopkins will arrange this purchase with the student's guardian.

ABSENCE POLICY: Ms. Hopkins is not obligated to make up any lessons canceled by student absence. If the student cancels with a 24-hour notice via message or phone, a missed lesson may be rescheduled if the studio schedule allows. No refunds will be given for lessons missed by the student. If Ms. Hopkins cannot attend a lesson, notice will be given along with timely rescheduling of the missed lesson at no additional cost. If more than two student absences without notification occur consecutively, the student will be placed on a probationary contract and be at-risk for losing their spot in the studio.

TARDY POLICY: Students who arrive late to their scheduled lesson will receive the instructional time that is left in their assigned time slot. Students who are late more than 15 minutes after their lesson start time **without notification** forfeit the lesson. No refund will be given.

SCHEDULE & VACATION: Lesson times are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis, in the order that payment is received. Refer to the Session Overview document for studio breaks/vacations. THMS follows the Calvert County Public Schools calendar for major holidays.

TERMINATION OF LESSONS: A semester-long commitment is required at THMS to ensure student engagement and progress. Should you decide to terminate Hop Into Music lessons during the semester, the remaining tuition balance is still due. Additionally, students may be terminated by Ms Hopkins for the following reasons: frequent absences,, disrespect or uncooperative attitude toward the studio and/or Ms. Hopkins, exhibiting unsafe or aggressive behaviors, theft or breaking learning materials, failure to comply with studio policies, or excessive late fees/lack of tuition payment.

EVALUATION AND REFLECTION: Ms. Hopkins will communicate regularly with the student's guardian or family to discuss progress, strengths, and areas for improvement. Notes may also be included in the student's assignment and practice log. If you require a meeting with Ms. Hopkins outside of your scheduled lesson time, contact her via email or phone.

PERFORMANCES & EVENTS: All studio students are expected to participate in studio recitals. Performing is an essential part of the musical experience and strengthens the musical community at THMS. If there is an extenuating circumstance that affects your students' ability to perform, please discuss this with Ms. Hopkins. Failure to attend studio recitals automatically forfeits the recital fee (included in tuition) and may result in loss of the student's space at the studio. For studio events outside of the required recital(s), student participation is highly encouraged, but not required.

PLEASE NOTE:

ACCESSIBILITY:

🎵 There are 15 steps into the studio. Please Ms. Hopkins to discuss any mobility concerns.

STUDIO ENVIRONMENT:

- THMS is a smoke-free and drug-free facility.
- No pets (except documented service animals) are allowed.
- Outside food/drink is prohibited. Water (no colored flavoring) is allowed.

Studio Communication

Communication with families is a priority at The Hopkins Music Studio. I believe that family-teacher relationships and communication help students thrive in their learning environment. Due to this belief, I do not have true “office hours” for messaging. When you can, send me an email or text and I will be sure to respond as soon as I can. See below for the studio’s email and social media pages. Feel free to follow me on Facebook and Instagram!



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Hop Into Piano Schedule

A YEAR AT A GLANCE

Spring Semester	January - May	Closed Memorial Day Closed CCPS Spring Break	🎵 Studio Recital (Classical and Popular repertoire)
Summer Session	June - August	Closed week of July 4th	🎵 Summer Piano Party in lieu of recital
Fall Semester	September - December	Closed Labor Day Closed CCPS Thanksgiving Break Closed CCPS Winter Break	🎵 Studio Recital (Holiday Party)