

Online Piano Lessons: **Important Instructions for Students**

Before the Lesson

Online Piano Lessons: Basic Setup Video- <https://youtu.be/idJ3Hv7qmDI>

1. Make sure that your equipment is ready
 - a. Make sure your Laptop, iPad, or iPhone is fully charged or plugged in
 - b. Turn off notifications, tabs, and other programs
 - c. If you have an additional iPhone that isn't being used for the lesson, have it nearby in case we need to call or text (please provide this phone number during the first online lesson)
 - d. Laptop, iPad, or iPhone is placed properly
 - i. Piano Students: camera placed on the side of the piano
The height of the camera should be between the keyboard and the height of the student's head when seated. Ideally the camera should capture the entire keyboard, both hands, and the torso of the student. When using a speaker, place it on the opposite side of the piano than the camera (from the Laptop, iPad, or iPhone)
 1. Please review the proper sitting position
<https://wellbalancedpianist.com/proper-seating/>
2. Make sure you have your scores ready
3. Make sure that the room is prepared
 - a. Quiet to avoid disruptions
 - b. Well lit
4. Make sure the high-speed internet is at least the recommended value
 - a. 10mb/sec for download and between and 5-10 mb/s for upload
 - b. www.speedtest.net or download the app (iPhone or iPad)
5. Create an account on Skype or one of the communication platforms of the preference of your teacher (Zoom, Facetime, Hangout Meetings, Facebook Messenger or Whatsapp).
6. The teacher will call you to start the lesson.
7. If there is any theory homework, please use a scanner app, scan and save as one pdf file, and email to the teacher prior to the next lesson

During the Lesson

1. If there are any issues with the internet connections, make sure to check your speed and communicate with your instructor via text message
2. The instructor will provide the assignments and notes for the lesson on the Skype chat
3. The lessons will be recorded through Skype and the video will be stored on Skype chat for one month. We recommend that you upload those files on your personal device and try to review them before the next lesson.