

Giacoma Piano Lab

Questions & Answers

Q Why piano lessons?

A Piano instruction in a lab format allows students to learn music in a more hands-on, engaging style. In addition, many recent studies have shown that piano instruction, especially when begun at a young age, results in many academic benefits in other subjects.

Q How will all students receive piano lessons?

A Students will receive group lessons in a piano lab, which will allow group instruction as well as individual and group practice. Each keyboard is equipped with a headset to allow individual practice and communication with the teacher as well as group practice and communication.

Q When will this happen?

A Students will receive a piano lesson once every four school days during their music and PE time.

Q What about music class?

A Students will also receive a general music class once every four school days.

Q Will this affect PE classes?

A No. PE classes will continue as they have in the past.

Q Will students still present Christmas and spring music programs?

A Yes. Music programs will be presented as they have in the past.

Q What if my student is already in piano lessons?

A Students already taking piano lessons will be allowed to use piano lab time to practice the music assigned by their private piano instructor so that they can continue to progress in their studies.

Q Will there be a cost?

A No. Piano lessons will be provided without extra cost to the parents.

Q Will I need to provide an instrument for home practice?

A Providing an instrument at home is recommended, but not required. Home practice between lessons will allow students to get more from the lessons and progress at a faster rate. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase music books as well as instruments for home practice through B & J Music in Danville at a discounted rate. Keyboards can be purchased on a rent-to-own basis at a wide variety of prices based on features. * - See attached for more information on purchase.