

HOW MUCH SHOULD MY CHILD PRACTICE?

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Practices per week	Time spent per practice	Reason for lessons	Progress?	Long-lasting musical impact?
6-7	1-5 hours	Competitive/high achieving/aspiring concert pianist	Yes	Yes**
4-5*	20 mins – 1 hour	Have fun with music, achieve well, develop skills that last into adulthood	Yes	Most likely
2-3	10 mins – 30 mins	“Just want to have fun”	Not much	Very unlikely
0-1	0-30 minutes	“Just want to have fun”	No	No

* FUN ZONE!

For parents who say they “just want their child to have fun”... 4-5 practices per week means students can **actually** have fun with piano. ‘Fun’ means they will be able to play. They will enjoy their musical experience AND are likely to take musical skills into adulthood, making lessons a worthwhile investment for parents. **Less practice than this does not achieve the parent’s desired outcome.**

**Assuming creative and sight-reading skills are included

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