

Compare Program Details



Potential Income

Suggested Tuition	\$200/semester (\$50/month)	\$240–\$320/semester (\$60-80/month)	\$440/semester (\$110/month)
Typical Class Size	8–12 families	6–8 students	4–6 students
Number of Classes	3–4 classes	3–4 classes	3–4 classes
Monthly Income with 3 Full Classes	\$1800	\$1920	\$1980

Financial Obligation

Licensing Fee	\$1700 one-time fee or \$48/month for 3 years	\$2500 one-time fee or \$69/month for 3 years	\$2500 one-time fee or \$99/month for 2 years
Teacher Support Fee	\$5 per family per teaching month	\$7 per student per teaching month	\$8 per student per teaching month
Additional Materials	About \$500 Classroom instruments and teaching items such as stuffed animals	1st Year: about \$400 2nd Year: about \$800 for class keyboards and misc. 3rd Year: about \$50	Year I: about \$1,500 for class keyboards and misc. Year II: about \$50
Legal Requirements	Complete a one-time FBI background check. Cost varies by location, is normally under \$50. Teachers are required to have liability insurance for their studios. References provided — approximately \$18–25/month depending on your state.		

Time Commitment

Class Duration	30 min. lesson 15 lessons/semester	45, 50, 55 min. lessons 15 lessons/semester	60 min. lessons 15 lessons/semester
Preparation Time	New teacher: 0.5–1.5 hours Seasoned teacher: 10–15 min.	New teacher: 1–2 hours Seasoned teacher: 15–20 min.	New teacher: 2–3 hours Seasoned teacher: 20–30 min.
Number of Classes	3–4 classes	3–4 classes	3–4 classes
Curriculum Duration	6 non-sequential semesters	3 years 6 sequential semesters	2 years 4 sequential semesters

Teaching Facility Needs

Studio Space	Ideally, 2 separate areas for 8–12 children and caregiver. About 400 sq. ft.	Ideally, 2 areas for 6–8 keyboards and an active area for student and caregiver. About 400 sq ft	Must accommodate 4–6 students and keyboards plus floor area for activities. About 200 sq ft
Location Options	Home basement, converted garage, or Commercial space	Home family room, den, living room, or Commercial space	Home den, living room, or Commercial space
Restrictions	Some municipalities restrict home businesses or number of people allowed in a home based business.		