



Proposal for Instrumental Music Program 2025-26 School Year

The Ocean Charter Instrumental Music Program is provided by **The Orchestra Place**

Program

General Description of Services:

The Orchestra Place will provide violin instruction for Grades 4 and 5 at Ocean Charter School, offering a hands-on, creative learning experience through ensemble playing, movement, and singing. All repertoire is thoughtfully selected to support imagination and development, drawing from folk, classical, and global traditions, and free from popular media or commercial content as much as possible.

The curriculum is carefully tailored to the needs and capacities of each grade level and supports each student's musical growth in alignment with the school's core principles of a Public Waldorf Education. It emphasizes creative potential, intellectual and social development, and seasonal celebration.

Our goal is to provide students with a joyful, meaningful foundation in music that encourages curiosity, confidence, and a lifelong appreciation for the arts.

Instructional Design and Curriculum:

Grades 4–5 Violin Instruction will emphasize posture, technique, tone production, note reading, and ensemble skills through media-free folk and classical repertoire. Rhythmic movement and singing will be integrated to support early development and internalization of musical phrasing and pitch. Students will learn in a collaborative group setting with a strong focus on building community, musical listening, expressive playing, and ensemble performance.

Performance Opportunities:

The year will culminate in a Spring Concert or several classroom showcase for Grades 4–5, to be held in May 2026. These performance will reflect the progression of each ensemble and celebrate the musical growth of the students. Informal in-class performances for peers may also take place throughout the year, offering students a gentle introduction to performing.

Schedule

Dates of instruction:

The program will run for 30 weeks, offering a total of 85 instructional days (plus concert rehearsal and performance days), **beginning on Monday, September 8th, 2025 and concluding the week of May 18th, 2026**. All dates below exclude holidays and pupil-free days in accordance with the 2025–26 LAUSD and Ocean Charter academic calendars. The program will culminate in a year end Spring Concert or several classroom showcases that may require extra rehearsals and/or sectionals.

Proposed Service Dates:

Mondays (28 total days):

- Sep: 8, 15, 22, 29
- Oct: 6, 13, 20, 27
- Nov: 3, 10
- Dec: 1, 8, 15
- Jan: 5, 12, 26
- Feb: 2, 9, 23
- Mar: 9, 16, 23
- Apr: 13, 20, 27
- May: 4, 11
- May 18 + Concert TBD

Tuesdays (28 total days):

- Sep: 9, 16, 30
- Oct: 7, 14, 21, 28
- Nov: 4
- Dec: 2, 9, 16
- Jan: 6, 13, 20, 27
- Feb: 3, 10, 24
- Mar: 10, 17, 24
- Apr: 7, 14, 21, 28
- May: 5, 12
- May 19 + Concert TBD

Thursdays (29 total days):

- Sep: 11, 18, 25
- Oct: 9, 16, 23, 30
- Nov: 6, 13
- Dec: 4, 11, 18
- Jan: 8, 15, 22, 29
- Feb: 5, 12, 26
- Mar: 12, 19, 26
- Apr: 9, 16, 23, 30
- May: 7, 14
- May 21 + Concert TBD

Instructional Schedule and Class Distribution:

Each grade-level class will meet twice weekly for 50-minutes each session, with a total of 10 violin classes completed each week. The 4th grade (four sessions) and 5th grade (six sessions) will be scheduled within the following available blocks: 4 sessions on Mondays, 3 sessions on Tuesdays, and 3 sessions on Thursdays.

Sample Schedule:

- 10:50 AM – 11:40 PM: 4th or 5th grade violin class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (maximum of 28 students per class)
- 11:40 AM – 12:30 PM: 4th or 5th grade violin class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (maximum of 28 students per class)
- 1:30 PM – 2:20 PM: 4th or 5th grade violin class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays (maximum of 28 students per class)
- 2:20 PM – 3:15 PM: 4th or 5th grade violin class on Mondays (maximum of 28 students per class)

Cost

Instruments and Materials:

Students will use school-owned violins when possible. If additional instruments are required from The Orchestra Place, violins can be rented for \$150 each and wind instruments for \$200 each (including insurance) for the entire school year. Additional rental instruments will be billed up front.

All sheet music, teaching materials, and instrument maintenance will be provided by The Orchestra Place and included in the program cost.

Total Violin Program Cost for the 30-week program is **\$37,500**.

Payment schedule: Compensation will be paid in two equal installments: \$18,750 due October 1, 2025 and \$18,750 due February 1, 2026.

*Optional Add-On | Middle School Band Elective (Grades 6–8):

The Orchestra Place can also provide a Middle School Band Elective for students in Grades 6–8. This class would meet twice weekly during the existing elective periods on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:20–3:15 PM. Students would receive instruction on wind instruments including flute, clarinet, trumpet, and alto saxophone in a mixed-level ensemble setting, focusing on tone production, reading music, and ensemble performance. A maximum of 15 students per class will be permitted. Each session would be one hour in length due to the combination of instruments and mixed-level approach. A total of 2 hours of instruction will be completed weekly for the course of the 30-week schedule, paralleling that of the violin program and class schedule.

Optional Band Elective Cost for the 30-week band program on Tuesdays and Thursday is **\$8,850**

Payment schedule: Compensation will be paid in two equal installments: \$4,425 due October 1, 2025 and \$4,425 due February 1, 2026.