



Agreement for Instrumental Music Program

Ocean Charter School | 2026-27 School Year

Provided by The Orchestra Place

General Description of Services

The Orchestra Place will provide string instruction for Grades 4 and 5 at Ocean Charter School throughout the 2026-27 school year. Building on the foundation established during the first year of the program, instruction will be designed to support both new and returning students.

In keeping with Ocean Charter's Public Waldorf approach, repertoire will be drawn primarily from folk, classical, jazz, and cultural traditions that support the developmental goals of each grade level. All repertoire will be carefully selected to support musical development while remaining largely free from popular media and commercial content.

Our goal is to create a music program where students can build on the accomplishments of the previous year while experiencing both individual growth and the sense of community that comes from making music together as an ensemble.

Curriculum

Beginning students will learn the fundamentals of violin playing, including proper playing position and technique, bow hold, tone production, note reading, rhythm reading, and basic ensemble skills. Instruction will focus on establishing good habits from the start while developing confidence and comfort on the instrument. Returning students will continue building their technical and musical skills through more advanced repertoire, expanded note and rhythm reading, improved tone and intonation, increased bow control, and more independent music-making. As students progress, they will be challenged with more demanding ensemble parts and greater responsibility within the group. Students will develop the skills needed to perform successfully as part of a string ensemble while continuing to grow as individual musicians.

Performance

The year will culminate in a **Spring Concert on May 18, 2027** for all students in grades 4 - 5.

Dates of instruction

The program will run for approximately 30 weeks, offering a total of 87 instructional days, with classes beginning on Monday, September 14, 2026, and concluding on Tuesday, May 18, 2027. The final day of instruction will be scheduled to accommodate concert rehearsals and the evening Spring Concert on May 18, 2027. All dates below exclude holidays and non-instructional days in accordance with the 2026-27 Ocean Charter academic calendars.

Proposed Service Dates

Mondays (26 total days):

- Sep: 14, 28
- Oct: 5, 19, 26
- Nov: 9, 16, 30
- Dec: 7, 14
- Jan: 4, 11, 25
- Feb: 1, 8, 22
- Mar: 1, 8, 15
- Apr: 5, 12, 19, 26
- May: 3, 10, 17

Tuesdays (31 total days):

- Sep: 15, 22, 29
- Oct: 6, 13, 20, 27
- Nov: 3, 10, 17
- Dec: 1, 8, 15
- Jan: 5, 12, 19, 26
- Feb: 2, 9, 23
- Mar: 2, 9, 16, 30
- Apr: 6, 13, 20, 27
- May: 4, 11, 18
- **Concert on May 18**

Thursdays (30 total days):

- Sep: 17, 24
- Oct: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Nov: 5, 12, 19
- Dec: 3, 10, 17
- Jan: 7, 14, 21, 28
- Feb: 4, 11, 25
- Mar: 4, 11, 18
- Apr: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- May: 6, 13

Instructional Schedule and Class Distribution

The program will serve two 4th-grade classes and two 5th-grade classes. Each class will receive two 50-minute lessons per week, resulting in a total of 8 instructional sessions per week throughout the school year.

The final class schedule will be determined by Ocean Charter School. Instruction may be scheduled within the available instructional blocks below on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, or concentrated on any two of those days as needed. Class enrollment should not exceed 25 students per section.

Sample Class Times: 10:50 AM – 11:40 AM | 11:40 AM – 12:30 PM | 1:30 PM – 2:20 PM | 2:20 PM – 3:15 PM

Instruments and Materials

Students will use school-owned instruments. All sheet music, teaching materials, supporting arrangements, instrumental tracks, and instrument maintenance will be provided by The Orchestra Place at no additional cost.

Cost

The total cost for the entire program including all instruction, materials, rehearsals, and concert is **\$30,600**

Payment schedule:

Compensation will be paid in two equal installments: \$15,300 due October 1, 2025 and \$15,300 due February 1, 2026. _____ Initial (payment schedule)

Jason Torrealano
Jason Torrealano (The Orchestra Place)

6/20/20
Date

Kristy Mack-Fett (Ocean Charter School)

Date