

Waynflete

Enrichment Music Instruction 2023-2024

Welcome! The best way to find information about music instructors, rates, recitals, and other important details is to **view the website, under Enrichment**. Please read on for answers to **frequently asked questions**.

1) How do I register my child for Music Instruction?

Music students are encouraged to enroll in a full session package for lessons. View more information about seasons and costs on our Fees & Policies page.

- 1) Contact individual Music Instructors by email to arrange a specific lesson day and time. [Click here](#) for Music Instructor bios and contact information.
- 2) For specific questions about the instructors? Contact the Director of Performing Arts at performing@waynflete.org
- 3) Once you have arranged a lesson day and time with the Instructor, register online and pay by credit card (VISA or Mastercard) [here](#). Music lessons will not begin until the student has registered and tuition has been paid in full.
- 4) Pay in full with a credit card through your online Enrichment account at the beginning of each session (Fall, January, and Spring). You can access your Enrichment account through the school website. No cash or checks.

Questions about registration? Contact enrichmentmusic@waynflete.org.

2) Will lessons be taught on campus or at my home?

All lessons will be taught in person and all lessons will be taught on the Waynflete campus. Enrichment teachers and students will follow any and all health-related guidelines that are in effect for the school.

3) Does the School rent instruments to students?

We do not have a supply of instruments for rent, so students should bring their own instruments to lessons. It is highly recommended that students rent band and orchestral instruments before considering a purchase. Additionally, many providers offer rent-to-own programs. Guitar, Ukulele and Mandolin students are encouraged to buy a student-level instrument and should ask their teacher for recommendations. Please contact your student's instrument teacher if you have any questions about acquiring an instrument.

For rentals, you may consider the following providers (see details below):

- Robert T Miller: South Portland (207) 799-8909 Cello, Violin, Viola, Bass

- Johnson Strings: Newton MA (will deliver to Waynflete) - Cello, Violin, Viola, Bass
- Shar Music: online - Cello, Violin, Viola, Bass
- Music & Arts: Falmouth (207) 797-3494 - Winds, Brass, and Percussion

For purchasing instruments or other musical supplies, you may consider the following local providers:

- Buckdancer's Choice: Portland (207) 774-2219 (guitar, mandolin)
- Guitar Center: South Portland (207) 822-9822
- Johnson Strings: Newton MA (will deliver rental instruments) - Cello, Violin, Viola, Bass
- Shar Music: - Cello, Violin, Viola, Bass

4) My child wants to share a class with other students. How do I schedule a group lesson or ensemble? Group lessons provide an opportunity for students to grow as musicians while sharing the fun of making music with their friends. Scheduling can be a challenge. We rely on parents and students to gather a compatible group prior to contacting an Enrichment Music Instructor to find a day and time for the lesson. For guidance in putting together a compatible group of students, contact the Director of Performing Arts at performing@waynflete.org.

5) Are there any options for adults interested in taking lessons through Waynflete's program? Adults are welcome to schedule lessons with Enrichment Music Instructors through the same registration process as students. Please be aware that Waynflete students are given priority in scheduling.

6) What is the attendance policy? The student's enrollment in a music lesson commits Waynflete to a contractual agreement with an Enrichment Music Instructor and students commit to a consistent schedule with their instructor. As such, the family is responsible for the full session fee and students are expected to attend all scheduled lessons and to give as much notice as possible when a cancellation is necessary.

With the exception of a weather/related school closing, all cancellations need to be made **in advance**. The instructor must be notified by email and/or phone at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled lesson. If a lesson is not canceled 24 hours in advance of the lesson time, it will be counted as a used lesson in the session package. There will not be a makeup lesson offered in the event of a "no show". If a student falls ill on the day of a lesson, parents should contact the instructor immediately to cancel the lesson.

All students are entitled to **two excused absences**—cancellations requiring 24 hour advance notice—from September to January and from February to May. Those lessons will be made up free of charge. (This is why there are fewer lessons offered per session than weeks of school.) Any additional lessons missed by the student will not be made up or reimbursed. All lessons canceled with less than 24 hours notice will be considered unexcused and will be charged.

1) I need to cancel a lesson for my child. What should I do? Contact the instructor by email and/or phone at least 24 hours in advance of the scheduled lesson. If

a lesson is not canceled 24 hours in advance of the lesson time, it will be counted as a lesson. **A makeup lesson will not be offered for a “no show” lesson.** See above for excused absences.

2) **My child missed a lesson due to school scheduling or a special school event. Can I schedule a makeup?** Families pay by the session for an instructor to design and guide an individual student’s musical study. Our fees are compatible with other area options. Our session structure takes into account that there may be missed lessons due to school conflicts. However, if a **school event or field trip** is going to preclude a student from taking their regular lesson, it is the student’s or family’s responsibility to notify the instructor in advance. See above for excused absences.

3) **A snow day** is not counted as a lesson day. There is no need for a student or parent to contact the instructor to cancel a lesson on a snow day. Snow days are factored into our session structure. For example, a package of 11 lessons is taken over 14 weeks during the Fall Session to allow for a few missed lessons.

7) **If my child takes a lesson after school dismissal, can they join the Afterschool Program?** Many families find it convenient to combine lessons with Afterschool (one day per week), especially if there is unscheduled time between dismissal and the music lesson. Enrichment Music Instruction students registered for lessons that meet after school may sign up for Afterschool Owls or Hive the day of their music lesson at a discounted rate. Enrollment will coordinate with **Afterschool quarters.**

Call the Enrichment Office for rates and to sign up.

Lower School Music Lessons with Afterschool attendance

Lower School students may attend Afterschool (AS) on the day of a music lesson at a discounted rate. The one-day combo rate includes Wednesdays with **pick up by 3:15 p.m.** or Wednesdays with **pick up by 6:00 p.m.** at a higher rate.

Middle School Music Lessons with Afterschool attendance

Middle School students may attend Afterschool Hive the day of a music lesson at a discounted rate. The one-day combo rate includes Wednesdays with **pick up by 3:15 p.m.** or Wednesdays with **pick up by 6:00 p.m.** at a higher rate.

8) **Will my child participate in recitals? When are they scheduled?** Enrichment Music Recitals are scheduled for January 24 and May 22. Students are encouraged, but not required, to participate in the recitals. Your student’s instructor will be in contact with you in advance of the performance with the specific date and details about recital participation. You will be invited to at least one open lesson per year if your student does not participate in the recitals.

9) **How will I receive feedback about my child’s lessons?** You are welcome to email or call your student’s instructor at any time with questions and/or to request feedback, practice ideas, or suggestions on how to support your student’s continued musical growth.

10) **What is the Enrichment Music Instruction withdrawal policy?** A student's enrollment in an individual music lesson commits the school to a contractual agreement with an Enrichment Music Instructor. Families wishing to discontinue lessons in the course of the academic year may withdraw in writing **30 calendar days** prior to terminating the lessons to receive a refund for subsequent lessons. Failure to provide adequate notice will reduce any eligible refund by the cost of four lessons. All notices must be sent to the Director of Auxiliary Programs at enrichment@waynflete.org.