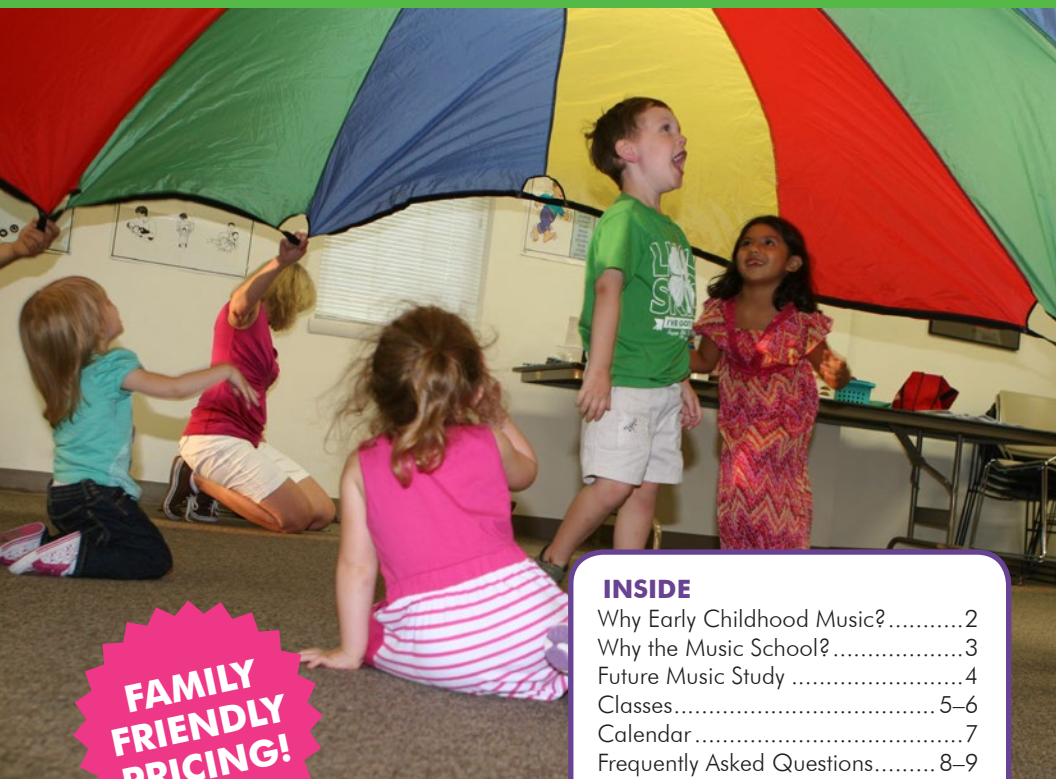




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18 months to 6 years

music & movement classes
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Why Early Childhood Music?

Children love to move and make music! The Music School of Delaware's distinguished Early Childhood (EC) program engages children's natural creativity and self-expression in age-appropriate activities that provide a solid musical foundation for future study. Music and movement classes offer a holistic approach to child development by encouraging:

Love of music

Foundation for future music education

Speech & vocal development

Steady beat & rhythmic response

Focused listening

Expressive movement

Exposure to age-appropriate instruments

Self-esteem

Self-expression

Fine & gross motor skills development

Parent-child bonding



"Early music training can enhance a child's ability to reason. It excites the inherent brain patterns and enhances their use in complex reasoning tasks."

—Gordon Shaw, "How Kids Are Wired for Music, Math & Emotions,"
Newsweek (2/19/1996)

Why the Music School?

The Music School of Delaware's comprehensive curriculum features **Musikgarten** and **Kindermusik®** as well as introductory classes for various instruments and is taught by a group of compassionate, playful and highly trained educators. Programs are available at the Wilmington Branch, Milford Branch and early childhood centers across the region.

Early Childhood faculty strive to create a **joyful, child-centered environment** that recognizes the uniqueness of each child, while emphasizing interactive learning and hands-on experience. Children and their families are encouraged to explore, practice and create music throughout the week at home. We believe that a child's experience in our classes will lead toward a lifetime of joyful music-making!

Early Childhood music & movement is more than a weekly class! Music School students are members of a vibrant community which provides:

- 🎵 A faculty of dedicated musicians and experienced teachers who share innovative ideas and provide the highest quality of music education.
- 🎵 A comprehensive, sequential plan for the musical development of your young child, featuring Musikgarten, Kindermusik® and more!
- 🎵 Enriching summer programs for all ages.

REFER-A-FRIEND DISCOUNT

Get \$25 off one semester's tuition when your friend also enrolls! Some exclusions apply.



DETAILS ONLINE:
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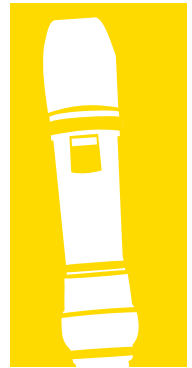
Future Music Study

Wondering how Early Childhood (EC) music will help your child down the road? Music and movement classes develop your child's physical and mental aptitude for future music study—providing a solid foundation for singing, playing an instrument or dancing.



SINGING: The singing voice is a child's first instrument, and children should have significant exposure to singing when they are young to foster proper vocal development. EC classes involve frequent singing, most of it unaccompanied, which teaches children to differentiate sounds and helps develop the ear. Echoing simple melodic patterns with babies parallels language development, connecting neurons in the brain that would otherwise remain dormant. By progressing to simple songs and scale patterns, students eventually learn to read and sing notes on the staff. Developing these singing skills and strengthening the vocal muscle mean children are better prepared for future choir or private study experience.

INSTRUMENTS: Exposure to a variety of age-appropriate instruments throughout the EC curriculum provides children with fun and successful music experiences from which they can easily grow into other instruments. Through gross-motor activities, children gain control of their bodies and develop graceful, rhythmic movements which they can later use to express music on an instrument. In addition, through finger plays and progressively smaller mallet use, children refine the fine-motor finger control necessary for instrument playing. Focused listening and singing activities help to develop tonal memory while rhythm patterns and ensemble work help to internalize rhythm. In addition, professional musicians provide instrument demonstrations where children have opportunities to try instruments that they might want to study themselves one day.



DANCE: Have you ever noticed how young children instinctively move to music? Throughout the EC curriculum, children are introduced to a variety of styles of music for free dance. Circle dances are introduced during baby and toddler classes, progressing to more structured dances and eventually dances of other cultures, from classical minuets to polkas to traditional African dances. Fine and gross motor skills are enhanced through movement activities, instrument playing and games. Children learn simple dance steps in ballet, jazz and tap as we explore the rhythms, meter and history behind each dance style. Future dancers are cultivated as children move with growing expressiveness and learn increasingly complex dances.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH CLASSES

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KINDERMUSIK® CLASSES

(ages 18 months to 6 years)

Session 1: Sep. 19–Oct. 17

Session 2: Oct. 24–Nov. 21

Session 3: Feb. 27–Mar. 19

Session 4: April 9–30



KINDERMUSIK® FAMILY WIGGLE AND GROW

Ages 18 mo. to 4

(with parent/caregiver)

Saturdays, 10:00–10:45am

Family class brings adults and children together, providing a dynamic and integrated musical learning experience. Share the joy of learning together while we sing, dance and play instruments. NEW musical themes, songs and activities EACH MONTH! We also support you as your child's best and most important teacher with plenty of information about child development to make great parenting easier!

ENROLLMENT: One or more sessions
(4 classes per session)

TUITION: \$64 per session, one child
\$42 for second child
(includes digital home materials, one per family)

KINDERMUSIK® MOVE AND GROOVE

Ages 4 to 6

(parent/caregiver attends

last 15 minutes of each class)

Saturdays, 11:00–11:45am

A fun, energetic approach to music learning! Through multi-cultural songs, dances and instruments, children will learn about composers, melody, rhythm, dynamics and more! NEW musical themes and activities EACH MONTH!

ENROLLMENT: One or more sessions
(4 classes per session)

TUITION: \$64 per session (includes digital home materials)



Classes for Youth

(ages 6 and up)

See the Info Guide and website for complete class information.

GROUP VIOLIN CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

6 to 8 years (Jessica Hoffman)

Tuesdays, 4:15–5:00pm

Starts September 29

Start violin lessons in a fun and encouraging group environment! This class teaches the beginning student the fundamental skills of violin playing and basics in repertoire, musicianship, posture and theory.

ENROLLMENT: Fall semester only

TUITION: \$173 per 15-week semester

RENTAL: \$60 per semester directly from Tom Carroll Violins

INTRODUCTORY GROUP GUITAR CLASS FOR KIDS

7 to 10 years (Christiaan Clark)

Thursdays, 4:30–5:15pm

Starts September 24

Join us for a great first-time experience with the guitar. We will discover how to create sounds and play together. No experience is necessary, just an open mind and a desire to learn.

ENROLLMENT: Fall semester only

TUITION: \$173 per 15-week semester

RENTAL: \$50 per semester



2015–2016 EC Calendar

SEMESTER 1

EC Classes start
September 19, 2015

Thanksgiving break
November 23–29, 2015

Winter break
December 21, 2015
–January 3, 2016

SEMESTER 2

Spring Semester starts
February 27, 2016

Presidents Day
(no regular EC classes)
February 15, 2016

Spring break
(school closed)
March 25–April 3, 2016

Semester 1

Week	M	Tu	W	Th	Sa
1	9/14	9/15	9/16	9/17	9/19
2	9/21	9/22	9/23	9/24	9/26
3	9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1	10/3
4	10/5	10/6	10/7	10/8	10/10
5	10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/17
6	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/24
7	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/31
8	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/7
9	11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/14
10	11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/21
11	11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/5
12	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10	12/12
13	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/19
14	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/9
15	1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14	1/16

Semester 2

Week	M	Tu	W	Th	Sa
1	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/23
2	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/30
3	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/6
4	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/13
5	2/22	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/20
6	2/29	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/27
7	3/7	3/1	3/2	3/3	3/5
8	3/14	3/8	3/9	3/10	3/12
9	3/21	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/19
10	4/4	3/22	3/23	3/24	4/9
11	4/11	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/16
12	4/18	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/23
13	4/25	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/30
14	5/2	4/26	4/27	4/28	5/7
15	5/9	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/14

Select which day your section meets and read down the column to find the dates for each class period. Holidays and school closings are already factored into the schedule.

Frequently Asked Questions

ATTENDANCE

What should I do if my child is sick?

Please help keep our school healthy by staying home if your child is sick! Call the Front Desk to let us know of your absence. In some cases, it may be feasible to attend class at a different day or time if there is space. Make-up classes can only be arranged through your teacher on an individual basis; they are not handled by the office staff.

What if we need to miss a class for some other reason?

Regular attendance is expected of all students, so please make every effort to attend. If you must miss a class, please be courteous and let your teacher know in advance.

What if the teacher is absent?

If your teacher is ill, the Music School will make every attempt to find a substitute rather than cancel class. Any class missed due to teacher absence will be made up.

How will I know if the school is closed for snow?

An announcement will be posted on the school's website and voicemail, or tune in to one of the following stations:

Wilmington

WILM 1450 AM
WDEL 1150 AM
WSTW 93.7 FM
WJBR 99.5 FM
KYW 1060 AM
FOX TV 29

Milford

WBOC Channel 16
EAGLE 97.7 FM
COOL 101.3 FM

SIBLINGS

In order for all families to enjoy classes, please follow these guidelines:

Wiggle & Grow: Younger siblings are allowed in the class if they are not mobile. Infants may sit in seats or strollers but parents/caregivers are asked to leave with the child immediately if he/she should become fussy or disruptive. No older siblings please.

Move & Groove: Siblings are welcome to join parents/caregivers for "sharing time" at the end of class. They must remain with the adult and should be taken from the room if their behavior interferes with class activities.

Discounts for multi-child families!
When you register more than 1 child for our EC classes, each additional child from the same family will enjoy a \$10 discount!
(Use a separate registration form for each child)

MATERIALS

Do I need to purchase materials?

Yes! The materials are an essential part of the curriculum and allow your child to get the most out of the class. Please submit your materials order form with your registration form.

What is the purpose of the home materials?

Home materials help ensure that class isn't your only "music time" during the week! One of the most important times of musical growth for children is when they explore and experiment with music on their own. With the home materials, parents and children can sing songs, read and experiment with activities learned in class. Older students may need assistance completing a home activity and will want to share their music-making with family and friends. For children in Music Makers and Young Musicians, parental involvement at home is crucial to reap the full benefits of the curriculum.

A \$5 materials late fee will be added to your account for students joining after week 3 of current semester.

REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT

How long do classes run?

Early Childhood enrollment is for the entire academic year unless otherwise indicated in class descriptions. Summer camps run in June and July.

When can I register?

Registration is ongoing throughout the academic year and tuition will be prorated as applicable. Summer registration typically begins in March; academic year registration typically begins in May for returning students or June for new students.

BILLING & DISCONTINUANCE

What fees do I need to pay to register?

A \$75 nonrefundable deposit is due each year when you submit your registration form and will be applied to charges on your bill, including the annual registration fee (\$35 for each student or \$25 for a second student in the same family) and tuition.

When is tuition due?

Bills are mailed three weeks prior to the start of each semester and are payable by the beginning of the term. Balances must be paid in full prior to registering for a new year or for additional classes.

Does the school offer financial aid?

Yes! Financial Aid Forms are available from the Front Desk and aid is awarded subject to availability of funds.

What if I want to stop taking a class?

For classes that run for the entire academic year, you may only discontinue without penalty between the fall and spring semesters. Contact the Registrar to complete and sign a Discontinuance Form. Notice to the teacher is not sufficient. If you stop classes prior to the end of a semester, you are still responsible for the full semester's tuition.

Who should I call if I have a question about my bill?

Contact the Business Office at 302-762-1132, ext. 17, for any questions about billing, tuition or financial aid.

HELPFUL HINTS & GUIDELINES

- ★ Please be on time. It can be upsetting for a child to arrive once class has started.
- ★ Turn off cell phones.
- ★ Make sure your child has the opportunity to use the bathroom before coming to class.
- ★ Do not bring food, drinks or toys to class. We want your child to interact with the materials we are using in class. Other children are also distracted by things they see but cannot have. Support each other by leaving these things outside of the classroom.
- ★ Dress in comfortable clothes. This applies to all children and to any adults who are participating in classes.
- ★ Be a model of musical behavior for your child. Your participation in class or "sharing time" lets your child know you value the experience.
- ★ If your child becomes upset or disruptive during class, try leaving the room for a moment until she/he calms down and then return to the class.
- ★ Please refrain from having conversations with other parents during music time to avoid disrupting and distracting others. Use class time to concentrate on the activity you are sharing with your child and arrange for social time with friends after class.



Music at YOUR School

The Music School of Delaware can also come to your school! Our Early Childhood outreach program provides outstanding music education to numerous schools and day care centers throughout the region, bringing our faculty, curriculum and expertise to your location.

As a statewide, nationally accredited community music school, we provide a distinctive, quality program with a flexible schedule and comprehensive music curriculum that can be tailored to suit your school's needs. Our highly trained faculty help children ages 2 to 7 experience the joy of music in their own classrooms, engaging children's natural creativity and self-expression and offering a holistic approach to child development.

Outreach programs may include weekly classes, themed music weeks, after-school or summer programs, or staff in-service training.

CONTACT US TODAY!

Think your school might be interested? Contact Melinda Oriani, Early Childhood department head, by calling The Music School of Delaware at 302-762-1132. She will be happy to discuss how music classes can become part of your school's programs.

Community Partnership Sites

The following schools and day care centers already participate in the Music School's Early Childhood outreach program:

- ★ Brandywine School District
- ★ Children First Preschool
- ★ Day School for Children of Revival Fellowship Church
- ★ New Castle County Head Start
- ★ P.S. DuPont Preschool
- ★ Red Clay Preschools
- ★ Montessori Learning Center
- ★ St. David's Episcopal Day School
- ★ St. Mary's Early Education Program, Hockessin
- ★ Tower Hill School
- ★ West Center City Early Learning Center
- ★ Warner Preschool
- ★ Tatnall School



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