

In the Suzuki Program, children learn to play their instrument as they learn their mother tongue – from a young age, through immersion in a musical environment, and with the encouragement of their parents. Through parent participation, group classes, private lessons, and music literacy, we create a fun, supportive & nurturing environment in which all children are successful. Children will not only learn to play their instrument, but also will build self-confidence, develop good learning habits, gain camaraderie with their peers, and nurture their love of music and the world around them.

Families interested in the program should come to a full understanding of the responsibilities and commitments involved in this form of musical education.

The following steps for enrollment are required:

Step One: Sign up online and attend a **Prospective Parent Orientation (Parents Only)**

Step Two: Sign up for and attend a 10 minute **Intake Interview (Parent & Child)**

Step Three: **Observe** at least two group and/or one private lessons (with or without child).

During the **Prospective Parent Orientation**, parents will learn about the Suzuki philosophy and their responsibilities as Suzuki Parents. Attendees will also be informed of scheduling requirements and what to expect during the first semester. Meeting is about 75 mins, including Q & A. Parents must arrive on time to orientation, and remain for entire meeting.

2020 Orientations: (all in Concert Hall)

Orientations typically take place January through March. Sign up becomes available in October. Starting in October, contact a registrar to sign up for the next orientation. You can do so in person or over the phone at [\(718\) 622-3300](tel:7186223300). Once dates are available, parents may also register online.

At the **Parent/Child Interview**, program director or department head will meet for 10 minutes with one parent and one child to determine the child's readiness for lessons. Interaction between parent and child is observed, and your prompt arrival is essential. At the intake interview, the child's preference, if any, for one of the instruments that we offer for study is also noted. There is a \$25 fee for interviews.

Children must be toilet-trained, and demonstrate a willingness to work with an instructor. The typical beginner in our program is age 4 – 6 for Cello, Flute Guitar, Piano, Violin and Bass.

Observation: Please stop by registration desk to sign up. See separate handout for more information.

The Suzuki program is an annual program – 30 private lessons, weekly group and theory classes, two recitals, and two festival concerts. Summer lessons are also available.

Program Structure for Beginning Students:

Private Lesson	30 Minutes	Weekly/schedule at registration (parent/child attend)
Group/Theory Class	45 Minutes	Weekly (parent/child attend)
Parents' Class	150 total hours; format is instrument specific (parents only)	
	Ex. 15 sessions for 60 minutes weekly for first semester	

Note: For the first six weeks of classes, parents attend ALL classes without the children.

Private Lessons: The private lesson provides child and parent the opportunity to receive individual attention in a nurturing environment, and is the core of the musical training

Group Class: Students share what they know with others and have fun with music, while reinforcing technical & musical skills.

Theory Class: The music literacy portion of the program, students become familiar with music notation, the “grammar” of music, and note reading.

Parents' Class: Parents learn about the Suzuki philosophy, how to play their selected instrument, and how to practice at home with child.

2019 – 2020 Tuition: \$3,150 (Annual Tuition for 30 weeks of classes Sept – June)

Includes Group Class, Theory Class, Parent Class, 30 minute Private Lessons, & Student Performances.

\$210 Materials Fee: includes Puppy Pack, Suzuki Book 1 and CD, Helping Parents Practice, Nurtured by Love, and parent information materials.

\$35 Registration Fee: Charged upon registration - paid once per family per school year.

\$35 Payment Plan Fee: If you choose an optional payment plan, fee is paid once per family per year. Tuition and fee information will be updated in spring 2020.

Enrollment is First Come-First Serve.

**Some instruments fill up by January for September of the same calendar year.
Call the registration desk to sign up for an orientation.**

Please email Ruth Klukoff at Suzuki.Enrollment@BKCM.org for more information.