



Smart Start & Young Musicians

Policies and Procedures

2023-2024

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is for the entire school year (36 weeks). To enroll, parents or caregivers must complete, sign, and submit the appropriate registration forms. Registration will be complete once the family makes a payment that includes the non-refundable annual household registration fee, tuition, and materials fee. Participation may not begin without payment.

Calendar

There are three scheduled breaks during the school year. Please refer to the academic calendar for exact dates.

Thanksgiving Break (1 week)

Winter Break (2 weeks)

Spring Break (1 week)

Required Information

PCM requires the following information to complete the registration process: parent contact information, student information (including birth date and pertinent medical information), and emergency contact information for an additional person.

TUITION AND FEES

Payment in Full

Tuition is billed on an annual basis and payment must be submitted to PCM's office prior to the start of instruction. Tuition is pro-rated for students enrolling after the start of the school year.

Students/families who pay their annual tuition and fees in full with cash, check, or ACH by September 15 receive a 5% discount on tuition. For payment by mail or ACH, discounts will be refunded within two weeks of receipt.

A household registration fee of \$50 is assessed once per school year. Please contact the office for specific materials fee information.

Payment Plans and Methods

Families must contact the office prior to the start of classes to set up a payment plan. Payment plans are available in either three quarterly installments, or automatic monthly installments. There is no additional fee for choosing a payment plan.

Quarterly installment payments are due August 15, November 15, and February 15. Monthly payment plans must be set up as an automatic credit card or bank charge.

Acceptable forms of payment include cash, check, ACH, or valid credit card (AmEx, Visa, or MasterCard). All checks or money orders should be made payable to "Pasadena Conservatory of Music." A \$40.00 fee is assessed for all returned checks.

Late Payments and Accounts

A \$25 late payment fee will be assessed on all accounts that are 30 days past due.

Enrollment will be paused for accounts more than 60 days past due. The office will notify a student's instructor should enrollment need to be paused. Students may resume when the account is paid to date.

Students with outstanding balances are not permitted to register or enroll in new classes until all account balances are paid in full.

Early Withdrawal Fee

If a student discontinues prior to end of the school year, an early withdrawal fee of \$100 will be assessed. Discontinuation is effective on the date that a family notifies the main office. Families are responsible for notifying the office of discontinuation in a timely manner. Under no circumstances will tuition be retroactively refunded or credited.

Refunds

Students may receive a full tuition refund when withdrawing at least 2 days prior to the first class.

Refunds or class credits are not given for student absences.

GENERAL PROGRAM POLICIES

Pasadena Conservatory of Music admits students of any race, color, national/ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, religious affiliation, and ability. It does not discriminate in its admission, retention, educational policies, or school administered programs.

If problems arise (e.g. financial, instructional, or personal), it is the responsibility of the parent or caregiver to notify the office. Every effort will be made to respond to individual needs.

PCM reserves the right to dismiss any student due to lack of interest, tardiness, behavioral problems, or failure to abide by school policies.

CLASS CANCELLATION

PCM reserves the right to cancel any course for which enrollment is insufficient for the organization of a class. PCM publications list classes offered as of the time of printing. Classes may be rescheduled or canceled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Student Absence and Make-Up Policy

Students are allowed six make-up classes per school year (where space is available). Make-ups must be arranged at least 24 hours in advance through the main office.

Students are allowed two make-ups per summer session.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Students may register for classes and make payments online at:
<http://pasadenaconservatory.org/current-students/online-registration/>

Through this portal, families can view student enrollment information, check account status, and make payments. Payment plans must be arranged through the office by contacting music@pasadenaconservatory.org.

Student log in requires the email address reported on the registration form and a password. Please contact the main office if you need your password reset.

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

Photographs and videos taken of students at PCM may be used in PCM publications and press materials. The Pasadena Conservatory of Music requests permission in perpetuity to use your/your child's images and audio recordings in publicity and marketing materials. By granting your permission, you understand that your/your child's likeness could be used in various print, video, or online media.

By enrolling at PCM, you agree that use of said media is exclusively intended for the promotion of the Pasadena Conservatory of Music; that images of you or your child may appear on the internet for an extended period of time; that PCM will not offer financial or other remuneration for use of your/your child's image or audio recordings; that PCM is not responsible for any expense or liability incurred as a result of your participation. You may withdraw your consent at any time through a written request.

CAMPUS USE

- Access to PCM spaces is available to students with disabilities. Please contact the office if you require specific accommodations.
- There are designated quiet waiting areas on campus reserved for PCM families, students, and patrons.
- Cell phone use is not permitted in studio or classroom areas, nor while driving in the parking lot.
- Food and beverages are not permitted in studios, classrooms, or in Barrett Hall.
- Do not disturb the belongings of any instructors found in the studio or classroom.
- PCM is privileged to exhibit artwork on loan throughout its campus. Please do not touch any of the artwork.
- Students found to be defacing PCM property in any manner will be assessed a minimum fine of \$250.00.

Safety and Supervision

Caregivers are required to stay in their Smart Start / Young Musicians class with their children. Young children not receiving instruction must always remain under the supervision of a caregiver while at PCM.

PCM provides security personnel seven days a week. Students and families are expected to comply with uniformed security personnel requests. Any suspicious activity on the PCM campus should be reported to PCM staff or security immediately.

Parking

Parking regulations are intended to safeguard PCM students, parents, families, instructors, and staff from injury.

Park only in specific, designated parking spaces. Parking is prohibited in the designated drop-off zone. Vehicles may not park, idle, or stand (whether occupied or not) in traffic lanes nor obstruct traffic nor obstruct legally parked vehicles in any way.

Operation of skateboards, roller skates, rollerblades, and non-motorized scooters in the parking lot is prohibited.

Any vehicle parked, operated, or driven on campus shall be solely at the risk of the owner/operator. PCM assumes no liability or responsibility whatsoever for any damage to or theft from any vehicle parked at or driven onto the PCM campus.