At Colorado Academy, we believe musical training is essential to the overall education of a child and an integral component of the curriculum from the earliest grades.

The private music program at Colorado Academy serves students who wish to make private music lessons and recital performances part of their formal education. Private lessons occur during defined blocks of time or free periods with consideration of the student’s academic obligations. All private music students are invited to participate in a variety of recital performances throughout the year. CA offers opportunities to expand a student’s interests in music, including audio engineering classes in the digital recording studio and a lab-based music composition program. Each school year, students take nearly 11,000 private music lessons at CA.

Private Instrumental Music Lessons

Students may begin lessons during their Kindergarten year, either before or after school, and parents are required to attend lessons for Kindergartners. Parents whose children are taking lessons for a Suzuki instrument are strongly encouraged to attend as many lessons as possible for First and Second Graders.

- **Piano**: K-Grade 12
- **Violin**: K-Grade 12
- **Viola**: Grades 3-12
- **Cello**: Grades 1-12
- **Flute**: Grades 1-12
- **Trumpet**: Grades 4-12
- **Guitar**: Grades 4-12
- **Trombone**: Grades 4-12
- **Clarinet**: Grades 4-12
- **Voice**: Grades 9-12
- **Saxophone**: Grades 4-12

Composition Lessons

A composition student must be taking private lessons from a CA music teacher or music teacher outside of CA to be eligible for composition lessons. To participate in composition lessons, students are recommended by their private teachers. Lessons take place in the Digital Music Lab in the Schotters Music Center.
Instrumental Music Ensembles and Group Lessons
Available for students who take private lessons at CA

**Violin Suzuki Group Lessons**
Grades K-3

**Flute Suzuki Group Lessons**
Grades K-5

**Cello Suzuki Group Lessons**
Grades K-5

**String Orchestra**
Grades 4-12

**Cello Ensemble**
Grades 6-12

**Piano Ensemble Program**
Grades 3-12 for advanced pianists who are recommended by their CA private lesson teacher

**Chamber Music Program**
Grades 3-12 for all instruments; advanced students only; **must** be recommended by their CA private lesson teacher

**Jazz & Rock Combos and Rock Orchestra**
Grades 7-12 for instrumentalists and vocalists interested in jazz and rock styles, music theory, improvisation, and performance; open to students who take music lessons on or off campus

**Recital Program**
Recital preparation and performance are an integral part of musical study. Students learn to set and achieve goals and develop the ability to overcome the anxiety associated with public performance. Each recital exposes young musicians to a variety of musical instruments in a range of styles. In addition to recitals, instrumental students have the opportunity to perform as soloists with the Dance Company and as a member of the pit orchestra for Upper School and Middle School musicals.

- Lower School/Middle School Solo Recitals: 4 per year
- **Upper School Solo Recitals:** 2 per year
- **Ensemble Concerts:** 2 per year
- **Chamber Music Concert:** each Spring
- **New Music Concert:** each Spring
- **Music Festival:** each Spring

**Lesson Scheduling**
Students are scheduled for music lessons during non-academic times: homeroom, advisory, free block, other music or art classes, PE, recess, or other free times.

**Lesson Sign-Up and Billing**
Sign-up Contract Form is available on the CA website starting in May each year. Lessons are billed on a full trimester basis through student accounts.

- **Early June:** Returning students’ Contract Forms are due.
- **Early September:** New instrumental music students’ Contract Forms are due but can be submitted starting in May. Lessons begin in early September.

**For Contract Forms and more information:**
Visit https://www.coloradoacademy.org/music

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**Testimonials**

“The private music lesson program at CA is a gem. The convenience of having the instructor on campus and lessons organized during the school day were integral to our son’s ability to begin cello lessons in the Sixth Grade. As his schedule was already full with after-school activities at the time, he would not have been able to try the cello without CA’s program. With the skilled and positive instruction he received, he was hooked and is still taking cello lessons as a Senior.”

- Upper School parent

“CA’s music program has come to mean a great deal in our family’s life. The level of professionalism, the depth of the teachers’ knowledge, the progress students make, the performance opportunities, are nothing short of extraordinary. The program has sparked and fostered an interest in our children that we might not have known existed. For one of our children in particular, this musical interest has become a passion that will likely accompany him through life.”

- Middle School parent
private lesson program
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