



Student Contract, Policies & Tuition

2026 – 2027 Season, Aug. 19, 2026, to May 16, 2027

All rehearsals are in the Garden/Rotunda Room at Veterans Memorial Building (VMB)

4117 Overland Ave. Culver City, CA. 90230

Concert Performances are at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Culver City

5:00 – 6:00 pm. WYO Juniors

6:30 – 8:45 pm. WYO

Attendance Requirements

Attendance at all rehearsals, concerts, and scheduled events is mandatory.

Absences

Students are permitted a maximum of **two absences per semester**.

- Parents are responsible for **notifying the Music Director** at westsideyouthorchestra@westsideyouthorchestra.org within a reasonable timeframe if a student will be absent from a rehearsal, and the absence must be for a legitimate reason.
- **Excessive tardiness** or a **third unexcused absence** may require the student to complete a **Zoom audition assessment** to verify that their orchestra music is adequately prepared.
- **Failure to attend a concert** - except in cases of verified illness or family emergency - will require the student to **re-audition** for the following semester.

No tuition refunds are provided for absences or for students dismissed from the program.

Performance Expectations

Students must maintain their music at a **B+ to A level** and are expected to continue regular **private lessons**.

Music Materials

Students may download and print their music parts at any time from the **Student Portal**. Lost music must be reprinted by the student.

Property Responsibility

Students are solely responsible for the care and security of their instruments and personal equipment. By participating, you release WYO from any liability for damage, loss, or theft of instruments or gear. No tuition refunds for absences.

Parent Action:

Please complete, photograph, and email this page to:
westsideyouthorchestra@westsideyouthorchestra.org.

Tuition is an essential component of WYO's operating budget and directly supports student scholarships, professional performance venues, and concert preparation.

TUITION

Semester Rate: \$530

Payment Deadlines:

- **Fall 2026:** August 12, 2026
- **Spring 2027:** January 2, 2027

How to Pay:

1. Visit the **Registration** tab on the WYO website at westsideyouthorchestra@westsideyouthorchestra.org.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete payment and secure your enrollment.
3. Accepted payment methods: **Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Zelle and PayPal**.

Tuition must be paid in full for a student to be officially registered and enrolled.

REFUND POLICY

• **First 14 calendar days of the semester:**

Withdrawals submitted within the first two weeks are eligible for a **50% refund** of full tuition.

• **Day 15 and beyond:**

Beginning on the fifteenth day of the semester, **no refunds** are available.

Withdrawal Procedure:

Requests must be submitted **in writing** (email is acceptable). The date your written notice is received determines refund eligibility.

Dismissal:

If a student is dismissed for disciplinary or attendance-related reasons, **tuition is non-refundable**.

Students are not officially enrolled and may not attend rehearsals until and unless this contract & the Photo and Media Release Form is signed, dated, and submitted by a parent or legal guardian prior to the start of the current session.

☐	Standard Semester Payment	\$530 due August 12, 2026 (for Fall Semester 2026) \$530 due January 2, 2027 (for Spring Semester 2027)	
☐	Pay in Full — 5% Discount	\$1,007 (saves \$53). One payment covering both semesters, due August 12, 2026	
☐	WYO T-Shirt (Optional)	S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ \$34.98	
		Total	

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Student signature Date

Parent signature Date

The Westside Youth Orchestra
Photo and Media Release Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Westside Youth Orchestra is proud to highlight the accomplishments of our students through photographs, video, and other media. Please review and complete the following **Photo and Media Release Form** to indicate your consent.

Consent for Photography, Video, and Media Use

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, grant the Westside Youth Orchestra and its representatives, permission to capture, use, reproduce, and distribute photographs, video recordings, and/or audio recordings of my child: [Child's Name] for educational, promotional, and informational purposes.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- **Official WYO websites**
- **Social media platforms**
- **Newsletters and publications**
- **Promotional materials**
- **Local and national media outlets.**

Terms and Conditions

- I understand that these images and recordings may be used in print, digital, or broadcast formats without further compensation.
- I acknowledge that the Westside Youth Orchestra will not identify my child by full name without additional consent.
- I waive any right to review or approve the final materials in which my child's likeness appears.
- I release the Westside Youth Orchestra and its representatives from all claims or liabilities related to the use of my child's image or recordings.

Consent Selection

Please check one:

- ☐ I GIVE permission for my child's image and recordings to be used as described above.
- ☐ I DO NOT give permission for my child's image and recordings to be used.

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Child's Name: _____

Date: _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Lowell Crystal, Music Director & Conductor

Andy Alatorre, WYO Board President

Email: westsideyouthorchestra@westsideyouthorchestra.org

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Westside Youth Orchestra.