



Columbus Academy

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String Teachers (part-time)

Start Date: August 6, 2026 · Apply online at columbusacademy.org/apply

About Columbus Academy

Recognized as a premier independent school in the nation, Columbus Academy has, since its founding in 1911, exemplified the country day school educational model. The heart of this model is the idea that the best interests of children are served when home and school work together.

At Columbus Academy, parents are integral members of our community. In our welcoming school, fully dedicated to the development of young scholars, athletes and artists of every kind, parents find what they are looking for: The school to trust with childhood.

We believe that [diversity, inclusion, equity and justice](#) are essential measures of our excellence. Our goal is not to mold young minds but to light them on fire.

[Visit us](#) and you will see this in [the way we teach](#) and the way [our 231-acre campus](#) is designed — the light, the energy and the interconnectedness of our mindfully designed learning spaces that allow for children to gaze out to the open sky.



Our Mission

Columbus Academy – an independent, coeducational college preparatory school – enriches its academic tradition of excellence by valuing a broad diversity of students as it seeks to develop the complete person: mind, body and character. The school rewards rigorous effort and accomplishment, fosters compassion, respect and moral courage, and insists on integrity, fair play and community service. Academy strives to develop and sustain a community of thoughtful, responsible, capable and confident citizens eager to engage in a pluralistic and ever-changing world.

At a Glance

Founded: 1911
Enrollment: 1,165 students
Ages: 3YO-Grade 12
Students of Color: 48%
Total Tuition Assistance: \$4.6M

Quality of Life in Columbus

Columbus is the 14th largest city in the United States with a population of 879,170. The city is perfect for active lifestyles, having invested \$20 million to develop a growing system of bike and fitness trails that connect the suburbs and river trails to downtown's \$44 million riverfront park system restoration. Columbus is gaining nationwide recognition for its historic neighborhoods, booming downtown arts and sporting districts, open attitude and a noticeably affordable quality of life. Check out our [Guide to Columbus!](#)



Columbus Academy seeks two part-time **String Teachers** to begin responsibilities on August 6, 2026.

Columbus Academy seeks two outstanding and collaborative **part-time string teachers** to join a growing and well-established orchestra program serving students in **grades 3-12**. The string program is an important part of the school's performing arts offerings and emphasizes strong technical foundations, musical independence and meaningful ensemble experiences for student musicians. Working closely with the Director of Orchestras and performing arts faculty, successful candidates will teach group string classes, lead ensemble sectionals and contribute to **curriculum development, student assessment and the continued expansion of chamber music opportunities** for students. Additional responsibilities may include rehearsal leadership and occasional conducting.

Position Overview

Two part-time positions are available:

- **Morning Position** – instruction primarily with students in **grades 5-12**.
- **Afternoon Position** – instruction with **grades 3-4 (Suzuki-style group classes)** and **grades 6-12**

Both positions work collaboratively with the Director of Orchestras and Performing Arts faculty to support the continued growth of the school's string program.

Primary Responsibilities

- Teach group string classes across multiple grade levels as assigned
- Lead **sectional rehearsals** for orchestra ensembles
- Support the **development and implementation of curriculum** aligned with program goals
- Assist with the **design, administration and evaluation of student assessments**
- Contribute to the development of a **chamber music program** for student musicians
- Maintain a structured and positive classroom environment through strong **classroom management practices**
- Collaborate with performing arts faculty on concerts, rehearsals and program initiatives
- Assist with **rehearsal leadership and conducting** when appropriate
- Participate in performances, rehearsals and occasional program events

Instructional Approach

The program emphasizes strong technical foundations, musical independence and ensemble collaboration. The **afternoon position** includes teaching **grades 3-4 group classes in a Suzuki-style format**, utilizing pedagogical principles associated with **Mimi Zweig and Brenda Brenner** including modeling, repetition, listening-based learning and collaborative music-making.

Qualifications

- **Bachelor of Music Education** (string emphasis) or equivalent degree required
- Primary string instrument background preferred
- **Low-string specialization (cello or double bass) strongly preferred**
- Experience teaching **elementary through high school string students** preferred
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with students across a wide range of developmental levels
- Strong classroom management and organizational skills
- Basic **piano proficiency** to support rehearsals and instruction
- Experience with **Suzuki or similar group-based pedagogy** is beneficial, particularly for the afternoon position

Personal Qualities

- Enthusiasm for working with young musicians
- Collaborative and flexible mindset
- Commitment to nurturing students' long-term engagement with music and ensemble playing
- Strong communication skills with students, families, and colleagues

Physical Conditions

Candidates must be able to manage the following conditions:

- **Mobility around school buildings and on different floors (handicap accessible)**
- **Repetitive motion (use of a keyboard)**

Columbus Academy believes strongly in the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. We strive to foster a diverse campus community, which recognizes the value of all persons regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability or socioeconomic background.

Legal requirements: All Columbus Academy employees must pass required criminal records checks. Where appropriate, individuals will also be required to provide proof of academic credentials.