



Charter Schools are

- tuition-free, public schools
- held accountable to the state for meeting high standards, including those for MCAS (Massachusetts state-mandated achievement tests).
- overseen by a Board of Trustees.

Conservatory Lab Charter School is

- a public charter school serving 154 children in grades Pre-K to 5, enrolling students from all parts of the city of Boston. Our diverse student body is selected via a random, open lottery without expectation for either special academic or musical ability.
- a school with small class sizes and a strong student/teacher ratio in order to enhance student achievement with a special emphasis on how music can help children learn.

General Information

- Pre-K requirement: age 4 by September 1, 2010
- Kindergarten requirement: age 5 by September 1, 2010
- 154 students total in grades Pre-K through 5.
- Our proposed school day for the 2010-2011 school year is 8:30AM—5:30PM, pending board approval. This will allow for the implementation of the El Sistema, youth orchestra program.
- Breakfast and lunch are available.
- Morning and afternoon buses available at no cost to Boston residents.
- We follow the Boston Public School calendar with a few exceptions.
- Violin instruction for all students with instruments provided by the school. All children receive daily music classes.
- Family involvement in the life of the school is required. Parents and guardians are required to assist with homework and musical practice at home and to attend parent conferences and school activities. Participation in other aspects of the school is strongly encouraged, such as volunteering in classes or extended-day program, or attending Parent Advisory Council meetings.

Application Process

- Submit your application with all required materials (birth certificate, translated if necessary, and two proofs of residence) by February 26, 2010.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- By law, charter schools hold a lottery if more applications are received than there are spaces available. The lottery for 2010 will be held in March 2010. A waiting list is drawn after classes are filled.
- Siblings of children who are already enrolled have preference for admission as space is available. Copies of the lottery policy are available from the school.
- CLCS gives first preference to children from the city of Boston.
- No special musical or academic ability required for acceptance.
- Contact information must be kept up to date. All effort is made to contact families when openings are available, however, families with out of date information may lose the opportunity.

Application Deadline: February 26th, 2010

Lottery will be held on March 10th, 2010