

Center for Innovation and Community Impact



What is Jumpstart?

Central to the Colburn School's commitment to providing equitable "access to excellence," Jumpstart is an immersive after-school music training program designed to serve students at the intersection of both need and merit from our local Title I partner schools. Managed by the Center for Innovation and Community Impact, Jumpstart equips students with the knowledge and resources they need to become thriving artists by offering 100% scholarship-supported access to high-quality music education.

The program's emphasis on access allows students to participate at various entry points designed to provide them with the right support at the right time. A prospective student has many options to find what will work for his or her needs in the Jumpstart program regardless of age or experience.

Pathways to Jumpstart

There are three pathways to enter the Jumpstart program: early childhood education, strings and piano, and band. In Jumpstart, students are provided with instruments and materials at no cost and participate in weekly classes led by distinguished Colburn faculty and Conservatory Teaching Fellows. The Jumpstart program directly addresses the lack of arts education within public schools and serves as a pathway for students to acquire skills linked to both personal and academic success through music.



Early Childhood Education

For ages seven months to five years

In this newly designed pathway for entry into the Jumpstart program, students are introduced to the wonders of music through our skill-based, sequential curriculum. Specially trained faculty help parents identify areas of interest for future class placement, while students shift from receptivity to actively engaging in music making.



Strings and Piano

For elementary ages

Students are immersed in both private and group instruction for strings or piano and participate in several performance opportunities throughout the instruction year. Jumpstart Strings and Piano involves a strong level of parent participation to help foster each child's individual musical ability both on campus and at home.



Band

For middle school ages

Jumpstart Band is the most comprehensive music education track in the Jumpstart program. Students are given access to theory classes, sectionals, private lessons, and large ensembles. Upon completion of the program, students are prepared to pursue music at the collegiate level.

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Families are encouraged to contact a Community School Student Service representative for guidance and additional information at cspa@colburnschool.edu or at 213-621-4548