

## Visit Us!

Call and register for an information session at the school. Take a tour, sit in on Friday assembly, meet the administration, and hear about the curriculum and mission of the CLCS.

### CLCS visiting days:

**October 24 2008**

**November 21 2008**

**January 16 2009**

**February 27 2009**

**March 20 2009**

**May 29 2009**

### ***The Conservatory Lab Charter School...***

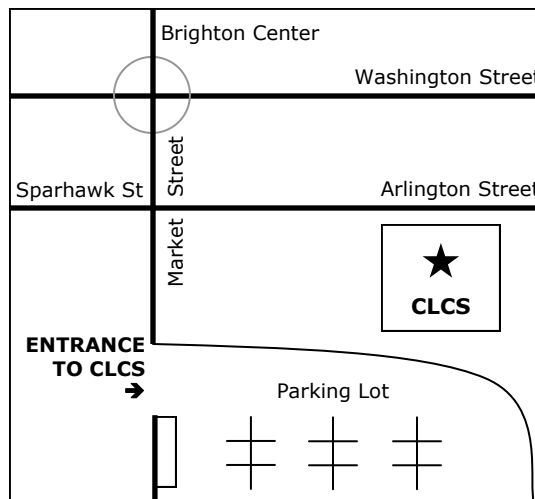
is a public school, grades K1-5, located in the Brighton section of Boston. Founded in 1998, the school's mission is to ensure academic, artistic, creative, and social/emotional success in an environment that teaches music across the curriculum and as a core subject, and values high academic standards.

Applications accepted for grades K1—5.



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# CONSERVATORY LAB CHARTER SCHOOL

a public school for learning through music



## Charter schools are

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

## The Conservatory Lab Charter School is

- a public charter school serving 135 children in grades K-5, enrolling students from throughout 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.

## Learning Through Music

- Founded in 1998, the CLCS uses five processes important to learning music – listening, questioning, creating, performing and reflecting – to learn all subjects in exciting, fun ways. Children explore language arts, math, science, and social studies *through* fundamental concepts shared with music.
- Music is integrated into our strong academic curriculum, helping children to build skills in math, science, language arts, and social studies through interdisciplinary projects using what we call Learning Through Music lessons along with regular instruction. There is a growing body of research connecting high achievement in academic subjects with the study of music.
- Daily instruction in music for all grades and twice-weekly violin lessons for grades one through five give students strong musical skills and knowledge along with poise, confidence, and pride. Students learn cooperation and how to interact socially with peers and adults.



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## General Information

- Kindergarten requirement: children must be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2009.
- 135 students total in grades K - 5th. K-1 will be added in 2009 increasing enrollment to 152.
- School day:
  - 8:15 am—3:45 pm. Buses leave CLCS at 4 pm.
  - 4:00 pm—5:45 pm: Late-day program available for small fee. Scholarship available.
- Breakfast & lunch available.
- Morning & afternoon buses at no cost to Boston residents.
- Boston Public Schools calendar with a few exceptions.
- Violin instruction for all students in grades one and up with instruments provided by the School. All children receive daily music classes.
- Family involvement in the life of the school is expected. Parents and guardians are expected 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 Organization meetings and the School Advisory Council.

## Application Process

- For an application, please call the school: (617) 254-8904, or visit our website: [www.conservatorylab.org](http://www.conservatorylab.org).
- Submit your application with all required materials (birth certificate, translated if necessary, plus 2 proofs of residence) by February 27, 2009.
- 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 2009 will be held in March 2009. 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.
- The 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 efforts are made to contact families when spots become available, however, families with out of date information may lose the opportunity.

Policies and procedures are subject to change. Please contact the school, 617-254-8904, if you have any questions.

**Application Deadline:**

**February 27, 2009**

**Lottery will be held on:**

**March 9, 2009**

Please detach here. Save the information sheet for your records.



**Conservatory Lab Charter School Application Form 2008-2009**

School in which child is currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child ever received an evaluation for learning or other issues at school?  YES  NO

Does your child currently have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)?  YES  NO

*If your child currently has an IEP, a copy must be submitted with this application.*

Is your child currently receiving any special services at school?  YES  NO

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child ever repeated a grade?  YES  NO What grade? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any medical, learning, physical, or special needs?  YES  NO

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child currently on any medications?  YES  NO

In what way do you think your child will benefit from being a student at the Conservatory Lab Charter School?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Conservatory Lab Charter School? \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this application in its entirety and for making sure that you have supplied all of the requested information. Please read the following release and sign below.

In the event that my child has the opportunity to be enrolled in the Conservatory Lab Charter School (CLCS), I hereby authorize the CLCS to share and/or request any and all records, data or information determined to be relevant to the education of my child from/with the Boston Public Schools, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education, any other schools and school systems in which my child has previously been enrolled, and any governmental departments, health or social service providers, or other offices whose activities bear directly on the programs or services with which my child is provided at the CLCS.

**I am enclosing the following with this application.** (Incomplete applications will not be considered):

- child's birth certificate (translated if necessary)
- 2 proofs of residence
- individualized education plan (IEP)
- proof of guardianship (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHILD'S NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**Please return this completed application form with supporting materials to:**

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