

Music Profile

Since 1998 - now 25 years - over a thousand children have learned one or more instruments at this school. Many have remained faithful to music as adults, quite a few have turned their hobby into a profession, and the first orchestra children from back then are now parents themselves and have registered their children with us again. That speaks for itself.

After a short time in various school music ensembles, all orchestra children have developed their musical abilities and have been encouraged in their individual development.



The orchestra is regularly in the public eye. Every year it plays St. Martin's processions in almost all parts of the city, performs at carnivals, accompanies Corpus Christi processions and church services, and plays music at street festivals throughout Bonn. Outside of school, the orchestra is an ambassador for a cultural diversity that can be experienced. Since its founding 25 years ago, it has had hundreds - maybe even thousands of performances - but we no longer count them.

State: 12.09.2023

Schedule 2024/2025

September 2023 Preliminary talk

You want to register your child with us, go to the secretary's office and arrange a registration interview.

February 2024 Registration at the school

With the half-year report (original) of the fourth school year you register your child with us.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 6:00 pm

Get-to-know day and info evening music

On this day we will see and look at all the registered children. Then we will know who is eligible for our music school, will give your child the registration form and send you the orchestra contract. We will put the registered children on the "music track".

Friday, June 14, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

Registration deadline

You must have turned in the completed orchestra contract by this date.

Beginning of September 2024

Start of training

Now your child will get their first lesson on their instrument and bring their new instrument home.



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2024/2025
5th Grade



Elisabeth-Selbert-Gesamtschule

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What is the point of music education?

The resilience and reliability acquired in the orchestra are the key to later success in life - whether it is reaching high school or a career. Likewise, our orchestra children learn not to give up immediately in the face of failure. The need to be disciplined in rehearsal bears fruit a few years later when it comes to working in teams or study groups, and the stamina practiced ensures academic success all the way to high school graduation.

Those who travel as musical ambassadors for our school get to know people who can help them get started in their future lives.

Many of our students still benefit as adults from the key skills they learned as children through making music in groups:

- ability to work in a team;
- tolerance;
- perseverance;
- resilience.

After 25 years of experience in this field, we can definitely state this - after all, we were the first school in NRW with this concept back in 1998. Just google us - "*Orchester der Gesamtschule*" is enough.

We offer your child the choice to learn an instrument as part of their "regular" music lessons, allowing for two years of hands-on basic musical training in 5th and 6th grade. The only condition for you as parents:

Register your child with us!

Your contact persons

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Basic education in the 5th/6th grade

Rent and training in the 5th and 6th year on the instrument in the small group costs € 39.- per month. We train a maximum of forty children by professional, external musicians on the following instruments:

String instruments:

Violin - Viola - Cello

Woodwinds:

transverse flute - clarinet - alto saxophone

Brass:

Trumpet - Horn - Trombone

Rhythm section:

Guitar - Ukulele - Electric bass

Children enrolled in May 2024 are loaned a good musical instrument and are taught on it for two years. The orchestra organizes regular instrumental lessons in small groups and playing together as an orchestra. In the first semester of 5th grade, rehearsals are still separated into wind and string sections. From the second half of the year on, all children form a large orchestra. After a few months, this orchestra performs at school performances, St. Martin's Day parades, summer concerts and district festivals.

