



Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra ACE (Arts in Community Education) Fee Structure

The Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Arts in Community Education (ACE) Program has established a three-tiered system for billing purposes. This system allows us to offer the program to schools of all sizes at affordable rates while also allowing the MSO to keep the ACE Program sustainable overall. As a reference, ACE school fees cover approximately 17% of the program's actual costs. For 2019.2020 the actual per student cost for the program was just over \$69.00 per student.

I. Schools that Average 40 or More Students per Grade and all MPS schools:

- Schools with an average of 40 or more students per grade level are charged per student participating in the program per year.
 - Full student price is \$17.00 per student per year
 - Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are charged at \$8.50 per student per year
 - All MPS schools are billed under this system, regardless of size. All MPS students are billed at \$8.50 per student per year.

PLEASE NOTE: For 2020.21 ACE will be a virtual program. Program fees will be 40% of those listed above (Full student price will be \$6.80, and F/R Lunch student price will be \$3.40).

II. Schools that Average Less than 40 Students per Grade:

A flat fee is charged per grade participating in the program per year for schools with an average of less than 40 students per grade level. There is a sliding scale based on the number of students in the applicable schools that qualify for free or reduced lunch.

- Small School Flat Fee Structure
 - Schools with 75% or more students who qualify for Free or Reduced lunch are billed at \$340 per grade level participating in the program per year
 - Schools with 50% to 74% of students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch are billed at \$425 per grade level participating in the program per year
 - Schools with 49% or less of students who qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch billed at \$510 per grade level participating in the program per year
- MPS schools are exempt from this policy.
- Schools which joined the ACE Program prior to the 2020-2021 school year are grandfathered into their previous fee arrangement, unless they choose otherwise.

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III. Homeschool Families – VIRTUAL PROGRAM ONLY

A registration fee of \$25 per individual Homeschool Family will be assessed. In addition, a fee of \$5.00 per student per year participating will be charged.

Please Note:

In the traditional model of the program, ACE is implemented at the K5 level for the first year and then a grade level is added each year until a school is fully integrated at 5th grade. However, we do offer the option of integrating grade levels more quickly if a school chooses.

If you have questions about the how the numbers above were calculated, or if you would like to discuss your school's particular situation, please do not hesitate to contact us.