

SOJOURNER EDUCATION FOUNDATION MARIMBA POLICY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Sojourner Marimba Program is an optional activity open to fourth and fifth graders who attend Sojourner School. Marimba provides an opportunity for students to build their skills and to gain experience performing. The Sojourner Education Foundation manages, and the Artist in Residence leads the Marimba Program.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Student Commitment: Marimba is open to all fourth and fifth graders at Sojourner. Students who wish to participate must commit to attending practice after school one day per week. Each student will be assigned to one of three after-school practice sessions, which take place in the Orff room on Monday, Wednesday, and, Thursday, beginning in October and going through the end of the school year. Each student must also commit to practicing during recess one day per week. Students will attend and participate in several performances, which generally take place in the spring. Students are expected to follow the instructor's directions and exhibit respectful behavior at all times.

Parent Commitment: Parents are responsible for picking up their students after practice or arranging for alternative transportation. Parents must let the school office and the Artist in Residence know if there is a change in plans regarding who will be picking up their students. Parents also must commit to transporting their students to performances.

PROGRAM COSTS

Marimba is designed to be a self-sustaining program. Costs for the program include staffing/instruction, administrative costs such as insurance and facility fees, and a marimba T-shirt for all participants. SEF estimates the per-student cost on an annual basis and sets the Marimba fee accordingly. Thus, Marimba fees may vary from year to year.

SEF's goal is for Marimba fees to cover the program costs but not create a surplus. If the amount collected for fees exceed the costs, the additional funds will carry-over to the next year or be used for related costs such as equipment maintenance. In the event that Marimba fees do not cover the costs of the program and no carry-over funds are available, SEF will issue an appeal for participating families to consider donating to make up the deficit. Only if necessary, SEF may supplement the Marimba program with general program funds.

No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in Marimba based on an inability to pay the Marimba fee. Families who are unable to pay the fee may request a partial or full scholarship.

Once Marimba begins, no refunds will be issued for Marimba fees should a student leave Sojourner or withdraw from Marimba prior to the end of the school year.