



Oak Ridge
Arts Collective

Student Handbook 2026–2027

Create. Connect. Grow.

Mission

Oak Ridge Arts Collective (ORAC) brings creativity to life for families across Northwest Guilford County and beyond. We believe every person holds unique value, and that the arts are a joyful invitation—to create, connect, and grow. Our teachers combine warmth, expertise, and flexibility to inspire learners of all ages and styles. Through music, dance, and visual art, we prioritize growth and confident expression, guiding each student to embrace their creativity and celebrate their achievements. Located on the campus of Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church, ORAC is a place to flourish, belong, and experience the fullness of life through the arts.

Welcome

What if there were a place where children and adults could express themselves and experience genuine joy? What if there were programs in music, dance, and art that invite people to connect—with others, with their own creativity, and with the fullness of life—engaging both body and mind?

The Oak Ridge Arts Collective (ORAC) was born from this vision. We believe the arts open pathways to growth, connection, and wholeness. Through creative practice, we learn to listen, to express, to collaborate, and to celebrate the gifts within ourselves and our community.

We envision a place where children and young people not only build artistic skills but also experience the joy of belonging to something larger than themselves—a vibrant, intergenerational community of learners, mentors, and friends.

As we deepen our connection to the community, we hope every person who walks through our doors experiences welcome and the sense of wholeness that comes from engaging in the arts together.

We're so glad you're here. Welcome to the Oak Ridge Arts Collective—a place to **create, connect, and grow**.

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Program Coordinator



Contact Information

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Programs & Offerings

ORAC offers private instruction and group classes in:

- Piano
- Guitar
- Voice
- Strings
- Brass and Woodwinds
- Music Together® Early Childhood music classes

Tuition & Fees

Private Lesson Rates:

30 minutes – \$40.00

45 minutes – \$50.00

60 minutes – \$65.00

There is a one-time registration fee of \$25 per student.

Music Together® tuition will be paid through the Music Together® portal.

Tuition may be paid in full or in monthly installments through the **ORAC website**. Each installment is due by the **1st of the month** (or by the adjusted due date listed on your invoice), regardless of when lessons are scheduled. Please contact the ORAC office with any questions about your payment plan.

Summer and prorated tuition options are available, following the same structure as regular terms.

Attendance & Makeup Policy

Regular attendance ensures steady progress. One excused makeup lesson per semester may be offered with at least 24 hours' notice.

Missed lessons without notice may be rescheduled at the teacher's discretion. Teachers will communicate promptly in case of cancellations, and lessons missed by instructors will be made up at a mutually convenient time.

Recitals & Performances

Seasonal recitals and events are held once per semester and provide students with the opportunity to share their progress in a supportive environment. Participation is encouraged for all students. Additional events, such as community performances or collaborative showcases, may also be offered during the year.



Closures & Holidays

ORAC follows the Guilford County Schools calendar for major holidays and weather-related closures. If the program is closed due to inclement weather, lessons will be rescheduled at no additional cost.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

Scholarships and financial assistance are available on an as-needed basis. Please contact the ORAC office to inquire about eligibility or application details.

Lesson Withdrawal & Student Concerns

If a student needs to discontinue lessons, ORAC requires a 30-day written notice. Families are financially responsible for all lessons that occur during this 30-day period, whether or not the student attends. After the 30 days have passed, any remaining balance will be refunded. Please note that program and registration fees are non-refundable.

ORAC is committed to providing a supportive, communicative environment. If a concern arises regarding instruction, scheduling, or the learning experience, families are encouraged to reach out directly to the ORAC Program Coordinator so that we may work together toward a positive resolution.

Program Cancellation

The Oak Ridge Arts Collective reserves the right to cancel a class, ensemble, or program that does not meet minimum enrollment. If a class or ensemble has insufficient enrollment 24 hours prior to the start date, it may be canceled.

If a program must be canceled, families will be notified immediately and offered the opportunity to transfer to another class or lesson option. If a family chooses not to transfer, a full refund for that program will be issued.