



To Whom it May Concern,

Attached is our annual letter submitted to sustain our accreditation for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Precollegiate Arts Schools (ACCPAS). The ACCPAS was established in 2000 by the Council of Arts Accrediting Associations to review and accredit schools and programs providing non-degree instruction in the arts disciplines to children, youth, and adults.

The ACCPAS accreditation process includes a application, self-study, including a self-evaluation procedure and development of an individualized self-study document, and a site visit of two or more persons trained by the ACCPAS for minimum of two full days.

The Merit School of Music is one of only 18 institutions who have obtained this accreditation.

**ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND PRECOLLEGIATE ARTS SCHOOLS**  
2020-2021 ACCREDITATION AUDIT

**Merit School of Music**

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38 Peoria Street  
Chicago, IL 60607 A5, 2016, [2013], (2020-2021)  
www.meritmusic.org

Non-Degree-Granting, Not-for-Profit, Public.

**UNIT DESCRIPTION**

A community music school.

**INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO ACCPAS**

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**PENDING ACTION**

RA-Original  
2020-2021  
Due 1/2022

**COMMISSION HISTORY**


N/A

**COHORT DEFAULT RATE**

N/A

**DEGREE/PROGRAM LISTING**

Alice S. Pfaelzer Tuition-Free Conservatory.  
Early Childhood Program.  
Instrumental Camps (Flute, Guitar, Horn, Percussion, Piano, Saxophone, Strings, Trumpet, Tuba and Euphonium, Voice).  
Instrumental and Vocal Music Program (Band, Guitar, Piano, Strings, Voice).  
Merit Music in Communities.  
Private Lesson Program.

Charles Grode, President & Executive Director  
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Primary Institutional Representative (please print)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ June 2, 2020  
Signature Date

The information on this document is correct and current as of this date. No changes are necessary.

Revisions have been made as indicated.

(Note: Indicate any revisions alongside existing text. Please do not delete existing text.)

**Please return completed and signed document by email or mail no later than July 1 to:**

**Annual Reports**  
**Accrediting Commission for Community and Precollegiate Arts Schools**  
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