



PING!

**Impacting
lives of young
musicians for 25 years**

ABOUT PING!

PING! (Providing Instruments for the Next Generation) is a 25-year-old, community nonprofit organization providing band and orchestra instruments, along with musical enrichment opportunities, to students in need in grades 4 through 12 in Oak Park and River Forest public schools. PING! serves approximately 130 young musicians annually, 70% identifying as people of color, bringing diversity to instrumental music classrooms and beyond, while also providing access for all, regardless of their financial situations, to this community's outstanding school music programs.

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WHAT WE DO

- Provide band and orchestra instruments to students in need in D97, D90, and D200 to achieve equitable access in music education. PING! students receive their first choice instrument from an inventory of more than 250.
- Hold workshops for elementary school PING! musicians.
- Support PING! middle schoolers through our mentoring program.
- Fund and arrange for private lessons for high school PING! musicians, and younger students in certain situations.
- Offer access to summer music camps and school music trips.
- In a community with very high-quality school music programs, PING! students can be on par with peers regardless of their family situation and feel like they belong.

SUPPORT PING!

PING! relies on the generosity of donors.

For more information or to make a donation, visit: pingopr.org
Interested in volunteering, joining our board, or donating an instrument?

Email: info@pingopr.org

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NEED SUPPORT?

If your family has financial barriers to renting an instrument that may keep your student from joining or staying in band or orchestra, PING! can help.

Qualifications include any of these:

- Free/Reduced lunch and/or Fees
- Single parent, adult other than parent raising student, and foster parents
- Disabilities, health, and housing issues
- Sudden job status change or loss, other financial stressors

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