Lower School Music/Movement Teacher

Department: Department of Performing Arts

Division: Lower School

Reports to: Mrs. Erin Harper, Head of Lower School

FLSA Status: Exempt

PDS Status: Faculty, full-time, 10 months, benefited

Employment Opportunity: Providence Day's Lower School is seeking a dynamic teacher to join our exceptional Lower School Faculty. The teacher should exhibit and support the Providence Day Mission Statement.

Founded in 1970, Providence Day School is an independent, nonsectarian, coeducational college preparatory school serving approximately 1,700 students in transitional kindergarten through 12th grade. Committed to academic excellence, global diversity, and character development, PD seeks to inspire in its students a passion for learning, a sense of social responsibility, and a commitment to personal integrity. Cited for excellence by the U.S. Department of Education, the College Board Advanced Placement Program, and the National Council of Teachers of English, PD provides a challenging and diverse college preparatory curriculum.

PD is recognized as one of *The Charlotte Observer*'s "Top Workplaces 2019", as well as, "Top Workplaces 2018". This award is particularly special because the results are based solely on confidential responses from our employees. Additionally, PD is recognized as one of greater Charlotte's 2018 and 2019 Healthiest Employers by the *Charlotte Business Journal*. This award demonstrates the school's commitment to promoting the health and wellness of our employees and the importance of appropriate work-life harmony. Follow this link to learn more.

The Providence Day School community welcomes people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs who share a commitment to respect one another and accept differences. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer with a policy of nondiscrimination in the treatment of employees or applicants for employment without consideration of race, color, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, disability, gender, or gender identity.

Providence Day School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is a member of ABC (A Better Chance), and holds memberships in the National Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, North Carolina Association of Independent Schools, Educational Records Bureau, National and Southern Associations for College Admission Counseling, the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the College Board.

This position is a full-time (10 month), benefited, exempt position beginning August, 2022.

Job Description: We are searching for a passionate, innovative music teacher that will use singing, movement, instruments, and music theory/history through their instruction. The primary goal of the Lower School Music teacher is to inspire the love of music and integrate movement into the curriculum. This position would develop and implement a curriculum that includes Orff Schulwerk with a strong dance/movement component. Lower School Curriculum focuses on basic theory, music history, and choral performance. This position would support an already developed and well running music program.

Position Responsibilities:

- 1. The Lower School Music/Movement teacher will provide music/movement instruction to students in grades TK-4.
- 2. The Lower School Music/Movement Teacher will demonstrate effective planning, teaching and organization, and maintain a positive classroom environment.
- 3. The Lower School Music/Movement Teacher will introduce students to multiple music genres as well as global music/movement.
- 4. Collaboration with other special areas teachers and classroom teachers is a vital part of this role.
- 5. Collaboration with the Performing Arts Departments and attending monthly departmental meetings and discussions is expected.
- 6. The Lower School Music/Movement Teacher will be responsible for the development and on-going review of Lower School's music curriculum.
- 7. The Lower School Music/Movement Teacher will stay knowledgeable on current research, curriculum and pedagogy related to elementary music instruction.
- 8. Responsibilities also include monitoring student growth and completing report cards at the end of each trimester.

In addition to teaching and classroom support responsibilities, the Lower School Music/Movement Teacher will assist in school performances such as the Lower School Musical and Grandparents' and Special Friends Day, and will perform other duties as requested by Lower School administration, including lunch and carpool duty.

Qualifications: B.A. in Music Education or other related field. A Master's Degree in Music is preferred as well as 3-5 years of teaching experience. Two levels of Orff Schulwerk are preferred. Candidate must demonstrate cultural competency. Knowledge of culturally responsive approaches to education is strongly preferred.

Salary and Benefits: Providence Day School is committed to attracting and retaining outstanding employees through a compensation plan that compares favorably with those of other independent schools both locally and nationwide. Individual salary levels are competitive and are determined by educational background and experience. A full benefits package includes TIAA retirement and medical/dental coverage.

Application Process: Applicants should submit a cover letter of interest, current resume, college transcript, three letters of recommendation, and a list of references with telephone numbers. Materials should be sent to the provided email address.

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This position is open until filled. Providence Day School is an equal opportunity employer (EOE).