



POSITION POSTING

DIRECTOR OF INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

2023-2024 Academic Year

OUR SCHOOL

The Governor's Academy, the oldest boarding school in New England, inspires and engages inquisitive students in ninth through twelfth grade. Our 456-acre campus is located thirty miles north of Boston and five miles south of Newburyport, a classic New England coastal town. Gova has approximately 400 students and 250 employees.

Gova faculty and staff are committed to creating and cultivating an intentionally diverse and inclusive community that allows students to learn from each other's unique backgrounds and experiences, discover their passions, use their unique voices, and achieve academic and co-curricular excellence. We welcome applications from candidates of all backgrounds.

Adults in our community are professionals who appreciate individuality, collaboration, and service to others—all so that we can go far together.

POSITION SUMMARY

This full-time music teaching position will have ongoing contact with and direct responsibility for the academic and social life of students on campus (in loco parentis) and will involve specific responsibilities that include afternoon program involvement, possible residential life duty, and student advising. The successful candidate will be deeply invested in a student-centered and process-intensive approach to music pedagogy, will have enthusiasm and appreciation for working with adolescents of a wide range of arts experience, and will desire to take imaginative risks and to innovate in their artistic work and their teaching. With teaching faculty status comes the expectation of total involvement in the lives of students on campus. The Director of Instrumental Music also contributes to the musical life of the campus through various means inside and outside the classroom. Housing may or may not be available.

- Teaching:
 - 4 classes of music, two of which are instrumental performance groups (orchestra and jazz band) and two of which are to be determined based on student and teacher interest and experience
 - Coordination of student individual lessons program
 - Co-coordination, alongside the Director of Choral Music and the Technical Director, of two major concerts per year as well as recitals and additional performances on- and off-campus
 - Oversight of small independent student ensembles including chamber groups and jazz combos
- Afternoon Program:
 - 1 season of athletic coaching or equivalent
 - 1 season of overseeing/preparing the student musical pit ensemble

- Residential Life Program: Dorm parenting or equivalent
- Advising: Advisor to no more than 7 students beginning in your second year
- Weekend chaperone duties
- Must show a demonstrated interest and enthusiasm for professional development work in social justice, equity, diversity and inclusion through the arts and have experience creating equitable, inclusive, and anti-racist spaces in their teaching.

QUALIFICATIONS

B.A. or B.S. in music or music education preferred. Masters degree preferred. Experience directing instrumental ensembles of various styles; experience teaching in a secondary school or college setting; facility with music production/digital music; experience coaching and/or playing interscholastic athletics are preferred. Must be able to work collegially, be committed to working in a diverse community; have experience working and communicating with diverse populations; enjoy working with young people in a boarding school environment; and must have a valid driver's license. The Academy requires all community members to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless with the exception of an Academy-approved medical or religious

To apply for the Director of Instrumental Music position, please click [here](#).

STATEMENT OF SCHOOL VALUES

As an educational community, the Academy has an administration, a faculty, and a student body committed to learning. We pursue this commitment in a dynamic environment that fosters lifelong intellectual independence, responsibility, teamwork, service, and respect for others. We are committed to creating and maintaining a diverse and inclusive community that is physically and emotionally healthy.

Applicants for employment are considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy or a condition related to pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, genetic information, age, physical or mental disability, status as a veteran or being a member of the Reserves or National Guard, military service, application for military service, or any other category protected under state or federal law. Please notify us if you wish to request a reasonable accommodation to complete this application, interview for the position, or otherwise participate in the hiring process. We will consider all such requests in accordance with applicable law.

