

LOS ALAMITOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Personnel Commission

CLASS TITLE: INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT – INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the principal, assist the certificated teacher in providing comprehensive instrumental music education to students at various levels of proficiency, from beginning to advanced. The aide will support the instruction of wind, string, and percussion instruments within band, orchestra, and percussion classes. Key responsibilities include demonstrating proper playing techniques, coaching students on their instrumental skills, and aiding in the preparation and organization of instructional materials and equipment. The role is essential in fostering a dynamic and effective learning environment that enhances students' musical abilities and passion for music.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

1. Support the music teacher in the delivery of instrumental music lessons across various levels, ensuring effective instruction in playing techniques and musical concepts.
2. Model playing techniques for wind, string, and percussion instruments, providing students with a clear example of the skills they are learning.
3. Offer individual and small group coaching to help students improve their instrumental performance, technique, and musical expression.
4. Assist in preparing and organizing music scores, lesson plans, and instructional aids necessary for class activities.
5. Help maintain and manage classroom instruments and equipment, ensuring they are in good working condition and available for student use.
6. Observe and report on student progress, providing feedback to the teacher on individual and group learning outcomes.
7. Aid in managing the classroom environment to ensure a conducive learning atmosphere, helping to maintain discipline and facilitating smooth transitions between activities.

8. Assist in organizing and supervising student rehearsals and performances, including setup and breakdown of events.
9. Work collaboratively with other school staff and contribute to the planning and execution of music-related activities and programs.
10. Engage in professional development opportunities to stay informed on best practices in music education and instructional strategies.
11. Perform other related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- Instrumental techniques and proficiency in playing and teaching various wind, string, and percussion instruments.
- Music theory, including reading music, rhythm, and harmony.
- Instructional techniques and classroom management strategies specific to music education.
- methods for assessing student progress in instrumental music skills.
- Safety practices relevant to handling and maintaining musical instruments.
- How to adapt teaching methods to accommodate students of different skill levels and learning styles.

ABILITY TO:

- Effectively demonstrate playing techniques across a range of instruments.
- Provide clear and understandable instructions to students of varying skill levels.
- Inspire and engage students to develop their musical talents and enthusiasm for instrumental music.
- Efficiently manage classroom dynamics, ensuring a conducive learning environment.
- Modify teaching approaches based on individual student needs and class requirements.
- Partner with teachers and other staff to enhance the instructional program and student learning experiences.
- Effectively prepare for classes and organize events such as rehearsals and performances.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: An Associate's Degree or higher from an accredited college or university, or be currently enrolled in college-level courses; and preferred two years of experience working with youth in an organized setting.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

School environment which includes standing, walking, sitting, kneeling, squatting, stooping and bending; lift, carry, push or pull up to 50 lbs., duties may include activities which involve repetitive use of hands, arms or shoulder and twisting or pressure involving wrists or hands and working with arms above shoulder level; give student direction requiring clear speaking, the ability to hear normal voice conversation, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and the ability to adjust focus; exposed to minor contagious illnesses (e.g. colds, flu).

SALARY RANGE: 48

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