



**CARROLLWOOD
DAY SCHOOL**
Education with Character

Elementary School Music Teacher 2024-2025 Opening

Carrollwood Day School seeks an engaging and multi-talented Music Teacher to join our Lower School team. Ideal candidates will demonstrate a passion for teaching, a strong desire to teach and inspire lower school students, excellent communication skills, a willingness to work with a team, and a commitment to continual professional development.

[Carrollwood Day School](#) is an innovative International Baccalaureate (IB) independent school located in North Tampa, FL. Since the inception of CDS in 1982, we have prided ourselves on being a community of learners. We have grown from a preschool into a comprehensive program serving more than 1200 students from age two through 12th grade. Carrollwood Day School stands out as a leader in its commitment to educate the whole child and is recognized nationally for its academic excellence and its school-wide emphasis on character development. Outside the classroom, our students are engaged in a multitude of athletics, arts, and extra-curricular programs. In short, we have PATRIOT PRIDE in everything we do at CDS.

The vision of Carrollwood Day School is to build a community prepared and inspired to better the world. As an IB World School, we cultivate principled entrepreneurial thinkers for a global society by enriching the mind, strengthening the character, and inspiring the passions of our community.

Carrollwood Day School embraces and celebrates the rich diversity of our students, employees, and families from all backgrounds. As an International Baccalaureate continuum school, CDS strives to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment where each person is valued. We work to intentionally develop cross-cultural competency and appreciation of differences within all constituents. We value the influence of a wide range of experiences and perspectives in our classrooms, relationships, and interactions as we prepare our students to contribute to a diverse and interconnected world.

Carrollwood Day School is one of only 36 independent schools in the United States to offer the full curriculum/continuum of IB programmes from early childhood through college prep (PYP, MYP, and DP). In 2019, CDS was honored to become one of only 15 U.S. schools to earn membership in the Cum Laude Society and also offer an International Baccalaureate education. In 2022, CDS was welcomed into the prestigious Round Square organization. In 2023, CDS was awarded the Florida and National School of Character Designation for the second time.

Understanding that a team of talented, supported, and growth-minded teachers is what leads to student success, the first pillar of our strategic plan is to become the destination school for exceptional educators in the Tampa Bay region. Want to join our team and better the world?

About the Position:

The Elementary Music Teacher is responsible for inspiring and teaching music education to students from 1st Grade through 5th Grade, and assists the efforts of the school in the improvement and appreciation of music instruction. Help students grow in their enjoyment, appreciation, and performance of music through a variety of planned music experiences which include singing, moving to music, playing of instruments and listening.

Essential Job Responsibilities:

- Teach general music to 1st-5th grade including harmony, appreciation, history, and ensemble

- Utilize repertoire of all types of music literature, including traditional and contemporary that are appropriate for the ages and skill levels of students
- Provide opportunities for music ensembles including band, choir & musicals
- Plan, rehearse, and direct students in a variety of musical programs for school and community
- Differentiate music curriculum to meet the needs of the individual student and the student body
- Plan a balanced music program, and organize daily class time so that preparation, rehearsal and instruction can be accomplished within the allotted time
- Develop and refine music curriculum based on CDS's standards of creating, performing, and responding, including IB PYP
- Establish and maintain standards of student behavior to provide an orderly, productive environment during practice, group rehearsals, and music performances
- Evaluate each student's musical growth and contribution to the performance of the group
- Ensure that all students may contribute to performances
- Communicate clearly with parents and school faculty/staff on the progress of individual students
- Maintain care/responsibility for school-owned music, musical instruments, and equipment to prevent loss or abuse
- Cooperate with Lower School administration to provide musical programs for school assemblies, open house, parent meetings, and seasonal programs

Qualifications and Attributes Needed for Success:

- Bachelor's degree in Music or Music Education; Master's degree preferred
- Ability to work with musicians at all skill levels
- Strong instrumental skills, including piano accompaniment
- Have or complete within one year, the Category One training within the IB; may be required to do training over the summer
- Strong music fluency; the ability and willingness to confidently teach voice and instruments is preferred
- Demonstrate a passion for music appreciation and the ability to inspire and foster a love of music with adolescents
- Strong understanding of the academic, social, and emotional development of Elementary School aged children
- Strong collaborative skills and eagerness to work with colleagues
- Proficiency in the Google suite of products (docs, sheets, drive, classroom, etc.)
- Excellent verbal, written and presentation communication skills
- Have an interest in engaging with the greater CDS community beyond the traditional school day
- A high degree of professionalism, collegiality, and personal conduct both in and outside of school
- Ability, willingness, and judgment to interact and communicate effectively and positively with all constituents in a school environment
- Comfortable with ambiguity and change inherent in a school environment; willingness to adapt and pivot as needed
- Enthusiasm and commitment to the vision and mission of the School

Compensation includes a comprehensive employee benefits package; CDS offers a competitive salary commensurate with background and experience.

Qualified candidates should send a resume and letter of interest to Dawn Wilson, Head of Lower School, at dwilson@cdspatriots.org.