

CARDIFF SCHOOL DISTRICT

ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER

DEFINITION:

Under the general supervision of the Principal, is responsible for planning, developing, and instructing an effective music education program for elementary students that supports the VAPA Music Content Standards and helps them grow in their enjoyment, appreciation, and performance of music through a variety of planned music experiences including singing, moving to music, playing of instruments and listening.

DUTIES:

- Teaches skills in music understanding/appreciation, harmony, explorations in music, and choral music to elementary students;
- Plans/executes a balanced music program and organizes class time so that preparation, rehearsal, and instruction can be accomplished within the allotted time;
- Provides individual and small group instruction in order to adapt the music curriculum to the needs of each student. Encourages students to develop individual musical skills to the greatest extent possible;
- Utilizes repertoire of all types of music literature, including traditional and contemporary, that are appropriate for the ages and skill levels of students;
- Maintains care/responsibility for school-owned music, musical instruments and equipment to prevent loss or abuse. Makes minor adjustments and requests repairs to instruments as required;
- Evaluate each student's musical growth, performance, and musical understanding. Assesses each individual's contribution to the performance of the group;
- Communicate with parents and school staff regarding individual student progress as needed;
- Selects appropriate music, books, and instructional aides to enhance learning and requisitions and instructional supplies as necessary;
- Cooperates with Principal and staff in providing musical programs for school events and programs as needed;
- Participates in staff meetings and serves on various school committees as assigned;
- Performs other duties as assigned.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Knowledge of:

- Methods, practices, theories, and standards pertinent to the specific assignment
- Basic instructional methods and techniques
- Skills aligned with grade-level practices
- Classroom management techniques and appropriate disciplinary actions
- Health and safety practices
- Correct English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and vocabulary
- Operation of office equipment and other equipment pertinent to the specific assignment

Ability to:

- Provide effective instruction to small or large groups of students in a learning environment
- Monitor and discipline student behavior according to approved policies and procedures
- Understand and follow oral and written instructions
- Maintain a safe, clean, and orderly learning environment

- Learn the procedures, functions, and limitations of assigned duties
- Communicate effectively with children and adults
- Work well with students, school staff, parents, and others
- Exhibit strong interpersonal skills using tact, patience, and courtesy
- Exhibit strong organizational skills
- Operate instructional and office equipment, including computers and associated software
- Play and teach musical instruments pertinent to the specific assignment

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

Valid California Single Subject Teaching Credential (Music)

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to hear and speak to exchange information; see to observe students and perform assigned duties; walk, stand or sit for extended periods of time; possess dexterity of hand and fingers to operate assigned equipment; kneel, bend at the waist, and reach overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally to perform assigned duties; lift and carry light objects.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The noise level in the work environment varies. Work is predominantly in multi-purpose rooms/classrooms and in the school environment.