

LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Job Description: Dance Instructor
(including responsibilities for Dance Company Director)

PRIMARY FUNCTION:

Under general direction, to assist in the planning, development, and implementation of the policies, regulations, guidelines, and procedures pertaining to the high school dance program; to serve as the high school dance instructor for grades 9-12; serves as the Laguna Beach Dance Company Director and coordinates and supervises the Laguna Beach Dance Company for the Laguna Beach Unified School District.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Teach classes in the field of dance to students in grades 9 through 12.
- Create and teach original dances for ballet, musical, or revue to be performed on stage.
- Compose a dance designed to suggest a story, interpret emotion, or enliven a show, coordinating dance with music.
- Instruct performers at rehearsals to achieve the desired effort.
- Audition performers for specific parts.
- Direct and stage presentation.
- Obtain and work with professional dancers to instruct students in a variety of dance mediums.
- Must work with and build upon the parent booster network supporting the Laguna Beach Dance Company.
- Organize, promote, and present two showcase dance productions per year.
- Promote dance students within the dance industry.

DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO: High School Principal

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

*Possession of a valid California Teaching Credential authorizing service as a secondary dance teacher.

*Desired: Talented choreographer with experience in dance and musical theatre.

Education:

Possession of an earned baccalaureate or higher degree from an accredited college or university in dance and fine arts education or a closely related area, including all courses needed to meet credential requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Highly skilled in choreography.
- Ability to interact with professional dancers and to secure professional dance experts and choreographers for productions.
- Ability to organize and direct a dance company.
- Recent professional dance experience.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that an employee must meet to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; reach with hands and arms; talk or hear; and taste or smell. The employee is occasionally required to sit and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 20 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

Work Environment:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

Personal Qualities:

Appearance, grooming, and personality which establishes a desirable example for pupils. Ability to meet District standards for physical or mental health. Above average recommendations from supervisors or other professional who have observed the personal characteristics, scholastic attainment, and performance of the classroom teacher, including the qualities listed below:

- Independent worker
- Maturity and good judgment
- Neat and clean appearance
- Willingness to assume a wide range of responsibilities
- Willingness to continuously improve
- Pleasant interpersonal skills
- Good organizational skills
- Commitment to professional courtesy/responsibility
- Commitment to high standards
- High intrinsic motivation