Middle & High School Orchestra Teacher

A KIS education centers on inquiry and applied learning principles. We seek teachers who are excited to join a faculty who collaborate to create relevant and rigorous learning opportunities. As an international school, cultural competency is essential to our community. And just as our teachers support student growth, KIS encourages faculty members to engage in professional development that grows their vocation. KIS works to continually improve the educational experience and benefits from the knowledge and ideas all faculty members contribute.

Position Description:

The music curriculum is grounded in standards for instrumental music education.

- The Orchestra teacher provides instruction in instrumental technique, music theory, and ensemble performance, fostering students' musical growth and lifelong appreciation for music.
- Responsibilities include directing middle and high school string ensembles, planning and conducting rehearsals, organizing school concerts, community performances, and supporting students at and auditioning for various organizations such as AMIS and KIMEA. This role will also be responsible for maintaining a music library and instrument inventory as needed to support the program.
- Leadership: Leads performances, contributes to the school music program’s development, and coordinates school-wide musical events.
- All KIS teachers make ongoing contributions to enhancing the school community through after-school activities, athletics, student organizations, and clubs.

Qualifications

Required:

- Bachelor's degree in Music Education, Instrumental Music, or a related field with relevant certification.
- Minimum of two years of successful experience working as a full-time strings or instrumental music teacher.
- Relevant experience in classroom instruction, assessment, and ensemble direction.
- Ability to obtain a work visa in Korea (successful completion of a drug screening process per Korean law).

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Preferred:

- Master's degree in Music or Music Education.
- Two years of overseas teaching experience.
- Experience working with second-language learners and facilitating clubs, student performances, and community engagements.
- Proficiency in directing various ensemble types and playing a range of stringed instruments.

Attributes and Competencies

Classroom Instruction and Assessment:

- Proficiency in standards-based instruction and assessment to foster a deep understanding of instrumental music.
- Deliver engaging, student-centered lessons that promote critical thinking, musicality, and problem-solving in music.
- Provide timely, constructive feedback for student growth, helping students set and achieve individual and ensemble goals.

Student Support and Relationships:

- Connect with students and support their social-emotional development within the music program.
- Develop positive relationships with students and families, communicating learning goals and musical achievements.
- Foster an inclusive, supportive learning environment and guide students in maintaining respectful group dynamics and collaboration.

School and Community:

- Contribute to a positive school climate within and beyond the music classroom.
- Collaborative approach to course planning and assessment with colleagues in the music department and across grade levels.
- Commitment to diversity, inclusion, and belonging in the music program, helping all students find their musical voice.
- Serve as a mandatory reporter, upholding the school's safeguarding policies and Adult Code of Conduct.

Personal Attributes:

- Display cultural competence, an openness to continual learning, and a solution-focused mindset.

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- Demonstrate flexibility, organizational skills, and a positive attitude.
- Establish cooperative relationships with staff, students, and parents to support the goals of the music program.

Dedicated teachers play a pivotal role in nurturing the comprehensive development of our students by delivering high-quality instruction, constructive feedback, and assessments.Teachers are actively involved in various aspects of student life, including club sponsorship, advisory roles, and co-curricular activities. Collaboration within department and grade-level teams, as well as maintaining strong connections with parents and school counselors, ensures that every student receives the necessary academic and social-emotional support. Joining our community is a fulfilling experience for those who are eager to contribute to its growth.

Contract Terms:

- Begins August 1, 2027
- Initial contract will be for a period of two (2) years

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