



K-8 Music Teacher Job Description

Organization Background

Global Ambassadors Language Academy (GALA) provides a life changing bilingual educational opportunity for students in Cleveland. GALA is a tuition-free, nonprofit public charter school that offers language immersion instruction where children spend 50% of every day learning in English, and the 50% in their chosen language—Spanish or Mandarin. GALA is the first language immersion school in Northeast Ohio, and only Mandarin immersion school in Ohio.

For two years in a row, GALA is the #1 school in its neighborhood (West Park) and is ranked the 5th highest performing school for academic achievement, out of 94 K-8 public schools in Cleveland. GALA received 5 out of 5 stars for Gap Closing, and 3 out of 5 stars for Academic Achievement, and Progress. These achievements are especially significant, as GALA students spend the majority of every day receiving instruction in Mandarin or Spanish, and then measured by state standardized assessments administered in English.

Since opening in 2016, GALA has been a neighborhood asset with an incredibly diverse school population. Currently, 70% of students reside in Cleveland, 30% reside across 26 suburbs; 69% of students are economically disadvantaged; 45% are White, 35.5% are Black, 10% are multi-racial, 8% are Asian, and 1.5% are American Indian; and 51% are Hispanic.

Location: GALA, 13442 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44111

Reports To: Principal

Status: Full-time, Salary, Exempt

Start Date: August 2024

Job Overview:

GALA is seeking a dedicated and passionate K-8 Music Teacher to join our dynamic team. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in music education and a commitment to fostering a love for music in students from kindergarten through eighth grade. The K-8 Music Teacher will be responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive music curriculum that engages students and enhances their musical skills and appreciation.

Key Responsibilities:

Curriculum Development and Instruction:

- Design and implement a diverse and engaging music curriculum that aligns with state standards and GALA's educational philosophy.
- Teach music theory, vocal music, and instrumental music to students in grades K-8.
- Plan and conduct school-wide musical performances, including concerts, recitals, and other events.
- Utilize a variety of instructional strategies and resources to accommodate different learning styles and abilities.

Classroom Management:

- Create a positive and inclusive classroom environment that encourages student participation and fosters a love for music.
- Establish and maintain classroom rules and routines to ensure a safe and productive learning environment.
- Assess and monitor student progress, providing timely feedback and support to help students achieve their musical goals.

Collaboration and Professional Development:

- Collaborate with other teachers and staff to integrate music into the broader curriculum and support interdisciplinary learning.
- Participate in professional development opportunities to stay current with best practices in music education.
- Communicate regularly with parents and guardians about student progress and upcoming events.

Additional Duties:

- Maintain and care for musical instruments and equipment.
- Organize and oversee extracurricular music activities such as choir, band, and other music clubs.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the principal.

Qualifications:

Education and Certification:

- Bachelor's degree in Music Education or a related field required;
- Valid Ohio teaching certification in Music Education (K-8).

Experience:

- Previous teaching experience in music education at the K-8 level preferred.
- Proficiency in teaching vocal and instrumental music.

Skills and Abilities:

- Strong knowledge of music theory, history, and performance.
- Strong classroom management and organizational skills.
- Ability to inspire and motivate students of all ages and skill levels.
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit a **resume**, **cover letter**, and **2-3 professional references** to Principal Bethany Araujo at baraujo@galacleveland.org.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

We look forward to welcoming a talented and enthusiastic 3rd Grade Immersion Spanish Teacher to our GALA community!

Global Ambassadors Language Academy (GALA) is an equal opportunity employer and encourages candidates of all backgrounds to apply. GALA actively seeks and encourages candidates of traditionally underrepresented groups (race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability) to apply.

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