



Lower School Music Teacher The Pingry School

The Pingry School seeks a full time dynamic educational leader who is passionate about the elementary school age group to serve as Lower School Music Teacher at the Short Hills campus. Founded in 1861, The Pingry School is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory day school for students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. Situated on two spacious campuses in Basking Ridge and Short Hills, New Jersey, the school draws students of varied talents and diverse backgrounds from over 100 communities in the central New Jersey region and Pennsylvania. Together, our two campuses in Short Hills (K-5) and Basking Ridge (6-12) serve 1,130 students, of whom 47% are people of color. Pingry students participate in an engaging and challenging academic program, complemented by extensive co-curricular opportunities, and live and study in a community that is committed to intellectual engagement, diversity and inclusion, honor and character, and stewardship and sustainability.

The Lower School Music Teacher works with students in grades kindergarten through grade five to develop student skills in collaboration, communication, and creative problem solving while exploring the many facets of music education. Candidates for the position should have a degree in musical education with experience in pedagogy at the elementary school level.

Responsibilities:

- Teach music classes of about 16 students at the elementary school level
- Lead the fourth and fifth grade choruses of about 64 students each
- Lead and develop a fourth and fifth grade band that perform at the concerts
- Play, instruct learning, and provide maintenance for woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments
- Increase skillsets of elementary students to further understand music concepts, music performance, performing arts, history of music, and the role of music in other disciplines
- Work to ensure academic excellence by fully knowing students and adapting curriculum to meet their needs
- Work with area coordinators to continue ongoing development of K-5 music curriculum scope and sequence
- Fulfill duties, responsibilities and commitments as outlined in the Pingry Employee Handbook
- Collaborate across disciplines to incorporate social studies, literacy, math and science concepts into the music curriculum and advise classroom teachers on incorporating music techniques and skill development into their curricula
- Balancing a focus on process while developing comfort with and skill in performance
- Incorporating technology where appropriate in classroom activities and including the WSHR radio project
- Keep careful anecdotal and assessment records use them to write accurate comprehensive reports
- Plan and lead at least one annual music related field trip for both the fourth and fifth grade students

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- Additionally, the Lower School Music Teachers are responsible for producing and directing two school concerts, one in December and one in May
- Fulfill all other assigned school related duties (e.g. lunch room duty, carpool duty, attendance at faculty meetings, etc.)

To apply, please send resume, personal statement and cover letter to Ted Corvino, Assistant Headmaster, Short Hills Campus at tcorvino@pingry.org.