



marin
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school

MUSIC TEACHER, ELEMENTARY GRADES: K, 1, and 2

August 2017

Reports to Division Head

Overview of School

Marin Country Day School is an independent, coeducational day school with an enrollment of 590 students in grades K-8. We enroll children from both San Francisco and Marin County and actively seek diversity in our administration, faculty and student body.

The school's mission asks children to become strong learners and ethical human beings who are prepared and motivated to make their world a better and healthier place. In addition to an engaging curriculum balancing academics, arts and athletics, our current strategic initiatives focus on technology, environmental sustainability, and community and global connections.

MCDS is particularly concerned with supporting its outstanding faculty and professional staff and places a strong emphasis on professional development. Every employee helps create a learning community in which all seek to improve as practitioners, learners and team members. Members of the faculty and professional staff are bright, collaborative and passionate.

Classroom Responsibilities

- Create a warm and caring classroom community
- Teach music classes to students in kindergarten, first, and second grades
- Direct plays and concerts
- Co-direct the Third and Fourth Grade Chorus
- Integrate technology as appropriate
- Identify and respond to individual students' social and emotional needs, including learning differences in collaboration with Homeroom Teacher, Learning Specialist and Counselor
- Use a variety of teaching techniques to engage student's learning
- Differentiate instruction to meet the needs of various learners
- Plan, design, and implement assessment of student progress. Keep track of student work in an organized and timely manner
- Create enrichment and extension opportunities
- Work to create a supportive and inclusive environment and to develop respectful relationships with students by using conflict resolution and problem-solving techniques within the classroom
- Communicate promptly with colleagues, specialists, tutors, therapists, administrators, and parents regarding students and classroom projects or issues, via email, telephone, and newsletters
- Write progress reports
- Manage classroom budget

Grade Level, Department, Division, and School-wide Responsibilities

- Attend weekly team meetings: collaborate and share plans and materials with team
- Work with teachers from other disciplines to plan transdisciplinary curriculum
- Attend weekly department meetings: collaborate and share plans and materials with the department
- Attend weekly Student Study Team meetings
- Attend and participate actively in regular division and full faculty meetings
- Attend and assist with assemblies and special events (Halloween, performances, Grandparents Day, etc.)
- Participate in Admission work
- Perform assigned duties (lunchroom, recess, carpool, etc.)
- Pursue ongoing personal professional development opportunities and continue to develop technology skills

Job Requirements

- A minimum of three years teaching experience
- Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Music from a four year accredited college, Masters and/or credential preferred
- A strong background in Orff and Kodaly methodologies
- Orff Level III certification
- Strong piano and/or guitar skills for accompanying students
- Experience playing and teaching diverse genres of music, including classical, jazz, folk, pop and world music
- Background in teaching creative movement and dance
- Experience directing large-scale performances
- Experience directing a children's chorus
- Strong collaboration skills

MCDS is an equal opportunity employer and promotes the principles and practices of diversity throughout the school community. Compensation is competitive.

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