

Job Description

Job Title: Elementary School Music Teacher
School: American School of Kuwait
Supervisor: Elementary School Principal

Qualifications

The Elementary School Music Teacher should have:

- Current Music Certification/Qualifications
- Classroom teaching experience
- Ability to communicate effectively with others
- Positive attitude
- Ability to participate in and establish collaborative structures
- Deep understanding of Elementary School students and their needs
- Awareness of or willingness to learn the *Understanding by Design* unit planning process

Preferred Skills

- Music experience in an Elementary School
- Recent and relevant professional development in the field of music, educational trends, and methodologies
- Proven ability to work in a multi-cultural environment and multiple levels

Elementary School Music Teacher Responsibilities

The Elementary Music Teacher provides students from CDC (early childhood) to Grade 5 an opportunity to explore music through singing, movement, playing instruments, listening, and creating. The basic music elements are taught using a variety of music resources and methodologies. Children are exposed to musical experiences from a wide range of backgrounds, including traditional as well as more modern pieces from around the world. In doing so, the program reflects the international nature of our school.

ES Music is designed to establish a solid musical theory background, a personal understanding of performance, and an appreciation for different styles and forms of music. Vocal technique and choral singing is nurtured through all ES grades. There is a natural development of instrumental skill from CDC through Grade 5, including recorders in Grade 4 and concert band in Grade 5. The music program strives to develop the listening and performance skills for each individual and the ensemble. The students have many performance opportunities during the year in the form of concerts, assemblies, musicals, and classroom activities.

General Music Responsibilities

The Elementary General Music Teacher will:

- Plan and organize musical learning experiences through the development of daily and cyclic lesson plans
- Cooperate with classroom teachers to organize student concerts
- Implement teaching strategies that integrate the curriculum as well as address the needs of students
- Maintain effective classroom management practices
- Evaluate and maintain student records of achievement
- Collaborate with ES Music Teachers
- Collaborate with MS/HS Fine Arts Teachers
- Participate in curriculum development and accreditation studies, as required
- Maintain positive communication with the parents and community
- Assist with supervisory duties

General Teaching Responsibilities

In addition to the specialist level expectations, teachers at ASK are welcomed into a collegial and collaborative working environment. In support of this, teachers are expected to:

- Communicate and liaise on a regular basis with fellow team department/grade members with regards to planning, assessment, parent and community contact, subject organization and classroom issues such including discipline, expectations and routines
- Communicate and liaise with other school colleagues in an effort to promote and establish integrative links and/or awareness
- Take an active role in behavioral management and pastoral care of class groups
- Attend and constructively contribute in staff meetings
- Assist in supervision of student breaks
- Coordinate class activities as deemed necessary
- Maintain up-to-date records of assessment, attendance, planning, reports, conferences, and communication with parents
- Establish links with your parent community to ensure that parents are kept well informed about student progress
- Assist, as required, in the development of curricular materials
- Act as a resource/contact/support for new staff members (i.e. curriculum, schedules, procedures)
- Participate in at least one co-curricular activity per year (stipend)
- Participate in and assist with school events as required

School Hours: 6:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.
Classes meet 7:05 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Weekends – Friday and Saturday

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