



POSITION AVAILABLE: K-8 MUSIC TEACHER

"Giving meaning to the lives of our children in the present while preparing them to become active citizens in a democratic society"

–Grace Lee Boggs

The Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures Charter School (FACTS) is a K-8 charter school located in the Chinatown area of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. FACTS was named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School.

Much of FACTS's success is due to our culture of teacher collaboration. FACTS teachers plan together, share successful practices, and support each other's growth. In our recent survey of teachers, one teacher wrote, "FACTS is one of the kindest, most supportive schools I have ever worked at," and according to another, "I have never worked with a more committed group of loving educators."

MISSION: FACTS provides children with an exemplary education that utilizes traditional arts and cultures found within their own and neighboring communities as the catalyst for critical inquiry and community engagement. FACTS has high academic standards, is community-based, incorporates and respects the lives of students and their families, engages students in understanding their own cultures and communities, and engages students in understanding their role as active participants in working for a just society. Please visit our school's website at <http://www.factschool.org> to learn more.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

We are currently seeking a Pennsylvania-certified K-8 Music Teacher for the 2019-20 school year.

FACTS teachers challenge, inspire, and actively engage students in their own learning process by teaching both for content and for critical thinking and life character development. The Music Teacher nurtures a love, appreciation and understanding of all types of music while teaching skills and concepts to a diverse student body.

Through the dynamic use of resident artists, community collaborations, and other creative methods, we use Folk Arts to provide our students with an opportunity to learn about their own cultures, as well as the cultures of their neighbors. Music is a crucial part of our academic program and a vital part of our environment and our school rituals – for both students and staff. Everyone sings at FACTS.

Responsibilities of all FACTS teachers include:

- Implementing curriculum and instruction in a manner consistent with our mission statement
- Maintaining a school atmosphere in which human and cultural values are shared to the fullest possible extent, and in which attainment of self-reliance, responsible behavior and a positive self-image are of prime importance.
- Working with colleagues to plan and coordinate work.
- Developing a cooperative partnership with students and parents based on mutual respect.
- Establishing and maintaining standards of pupil behavior to achieve a functional learning atmosphere.
- Interpreting the educational program to parents and other community members through personal conferences, meetings, and various media using the primary language when appropriate.

- Developing lesson plans and instructional materials to motivate students and cater to the needs of the whole ability range within the class.
- Meeting requirements for the assessment and recording of students' development.
- Supervising students in out-of-classroom activities during the assigned working day as required.
- Attending staff meetings, in service meetings, team meetings, grade level meetings or department meetings as required.
- Participating in in-service education activities provided by the school and self-selected professional growth activities.
- Completing all reports as required, including student evaluation, inventories, orders, and program evaluation.
- Performing other duties of an adjunct nature, which are necessary to smooth operation of the school.
- Maintaining good public relations through reasonable participation in such activities as family nights, holiday programs, and other school events that may take place outside of work hours.

Specific duties of the FACTS Music Teacher (these duties may evolve over time):

- Teach weekly music classes to all students in grades 1-8
- Teach four multi-grade (K-2 and 3-5 grade) choirs
- The music teacher plays a leading role in some FACTS events such as our Celebration of Peace (winter music sharing), Lunar New Year, etc.
- The music teacher collaborates with folk artists in residence such as an African dance teacher
- The music teacher is a key part of a team of Specials Teachers (including art, PE, Mandarin and music) that are “pillars” of our folk arts education program
- The school has invested in Orff instruments and seeks a teacher who will continue to implement aspects of the Orff approach to music education
- FACTS’s instrumental program includes recorders, ukuleles, keyboards and guitars, and a wide array of Orff percussion instruments. FACTS does not have the capacity to offer band or orchestra
- The FACTS music teacher leads staff in singing, including leading a teachers’ choir that performs at the annual Chinatown Mid-Autumn Festival

QUALIFICATIONS

- Understanding of and support for FACTS’ mission is required.
- Pennsylvania teaching certification in music education (K-12) is required.
- Sincere concern and affection for students and parents is required.
- Genuine desire to work cooperatively with colleagues & the capacity to work effectively with diverse populations is required.
- Training and experience in the approach of Orff Schulwerk is preferred.
- Experience in and passion for teaching choral music is preferred.
- Experience in differentiated instruction and collaborative teaching is preferred.
- Successful relevant teaching experience in an urban school setting is preferred.
- Fluency in another language in addition to English is a plus.
- Additional ESL certification is a plus.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

We offer salary based on years of full time teaching experience, a generous benefits package, and a safe, pleasant, collegial work environment.

TO APPLY

To apply, please email your resume and cover letter to jobs@factschool.org. Put the title of the position for which you are applying in the subject line.

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