



**FACTS**  
Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures  
Charter School

## 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 2021-22 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.

Specific duties of the FACTS Music Teacher (these duties may evolve over time and may also change due to evolving COVID conditions):

- Teach weekly music classes to all students in grades K-8
- Supervise weekly classes led by a resident artist teacher for several K-5 classes on Fridays as required by the schedule (in 2021-22 due to COVID conditions)
- Teach weekly choir classes to students in K-5 (in 2022-23 if COVID conditions permit)
- 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 develops and incorporates folk arts
- 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, 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.

The Music Teacher is one of four specialist teachers at FACTS. [Click here for the full job description for all specialist teachers at FACTS.](#)

## **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](mailto:jobs@factschool.org). Put the title "Music Teacher Position" in the subject line.

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