



**Merit School of Music
Chicago, Illinois**

Part-time Position Announcement:

**Band Instructor
*Merit Music in Communities***

Description

Merit School of Music seeks a highly qualified candidate for the position of Band Instructor to start teaching no later than the week of **September 11th** in our *Merit Music in Communities* Program. The successful candidate will teach up to 8-12 hours of weekly band rehearsals at one to two partnering Chicago Public schools. Classes meet before school (7:00am – 8:00am), during the school day (12:00 – 4:30pm), and after school (3pm – 5pm).

Organization Overview

Since its founding in 1979, Merit School of Music has successfully motivated and inspired over 50,000 young people with high-quality music instruction. The School's broad-ranging comprehensive curriculum, extensive level of financial aid, sense of community and the standard of excellence set forth by the faculty and students are major components of its success.

Merit offers a multi-leveled, structured curriculum in a college preparatory environment. Programs take place at the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center in Chicago's West Loop and at nearly 30 locations in neighborhoods across the City. Instruction is offered to approximately 5,000 students of all ages, from infants to adults, and from beginners to the Juilliard-bound by over 150 accomplished faculty members.

Merit has an annual operating budget of approximately \$6 million, of which more than half is supported by contributed revenue, with a third coming from earned revenue, including rental income.

Mission

Merit School of Music transforms the lives of Chicago-area youth through removing barriers to high-quality music education.

Reporting Relationship

The **Band Instructor** reports to the **Band Program Director**

Job Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the **Band Instructor** include, but are not limited to:

- Teaching between 8 – 12 hours of weekly band rehearsals to students in 4th – 8th grade
- Prepare students for performances two to three times per year

- Follow Merit's benchmarks for large ensemble instruction
- Support students' growth through Merit's continuum of programming
- Attend Merit faculty meetings and departmental meetings
- Other projects as assigned

Personal Skills/Attributes/Qualifications

The ideal candidate would possess the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated success teaching beginning band to a similar age group (4th – 8th grade)
- Demonstrated success teaching in a mixed instrument setting (woodwind, brass, percussion)
- Ability to communicate effectively and work well with Merit staff and partnering leadership
- Punctual, professional and collegial
- The ability to travel via car or public transportation

Educational Requirements

Bachelor's degree in Music or equivalent experience

Schedule

- School #1: Weekday mornings, 7:00am – 8:00am; Thursday afternoons, 12:00pm – 4:30pm (tentative)
- School #2: Mondays and Wednesday, 3:00pm – 5:00pm
- Additional band sites may be available

Compensation

\$50 per hour

Interested candidates should send résumé to:

hr@meritmusic.org

No phone calls or faxes please.

For more information about Merit School of Music, please visit www.meritmusic.org.

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