



**Merit School of Music  
Chicago, Illinois**

**Part-time Position Announcement:**

## **Saxophone Instructor *Instrumental and Vocal Music & Private Lessons***

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### **Description**

Merit School of Music seeks a highly qualified saxophone instructor to teach one 55-minute saxophone technique class within Instrumental & Vocal Music Band Program. The IVM Band Program is in session on Tuesdays from **October 2017 – May 2018** at the Joy Faith Knapp Music Center. The IVM Saxophone Instructor will also be eligible to teach within our Private Lesson Program.

### **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 **Saxophone Instructor** reports to the **Band Program Director**

### **Job Responsibilities**

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

- Teaching one 55-minute group technique class each week
- Completing individual student assessments twice per year
- Meeting with students one-on-one in weekly private lessons

- Preparing Private Lesson students for annual recitals
- Assisting with concerts and other events as needed
- Other projects as assigned

### **Personal Skills/Attributes/Qualifications**

The ideal candidate would possess the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated success as a teacher and a performer
- Demonstrated success working with beginning level elementary and middle school students.
- Ability to collaborate and work well with colleagues and administrators
- Professional and punctual

### **Educational Requirements**

Bachelor's degree in Music or equivalent experience

### **Schedule**

- Instrumental and Vocal Music saxophone classes meet Tuesdays, October 3 – May 15, 6:00 – 6:55pm.
- Private Lessons are scheduled one-on-one between student and instructor

### **Compensation**

- \$49 per hour for group class teaching
- \$43 per hour for private lessons

**Interested candidates should send résumé to:**

[hr@meritmusic.org](mailto:hr@meritmusic.org)

**No phone calls or faxes please.**

For more information about Merit School of Music, please visit [www.meritmusic.org](http://www.meritmusic.org).

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