



**Merit School of Music
Chicago, Illinois**

Part-time Position Announcement:

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

Description

Merit School of Music seeks highly qualified candidates for the position of **Band Instructor** to start teaching this winter in our *Merit Music in Communities* Program. Successful candidates will be offered between 4-8 hours of weekly band rehearsals depending on availability. Merit's band programs take place at Chicago Public schools, community sites and neighboring school districts.

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 Teacher** reports to the **Band Program Director**

Job Responsibilities

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

- Teaching 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

- Track student attendance and provide student recommendations for on-site programs
- Assist Program Manager with instrument disbursement and collection
- Attend Merit faculty meetings and departmental meetings
- Other projects as assigned

Personal Skills/Attributes/Qualifications

The ideal candidate would possess the following qualifications:

- Experience teaching in an urban environment.
- Demonstrated success teaching beginning band to a similar age group (4th – 8th grade)
- Demonstrated success teaching in a mixed instrument setting (woodwind, brass, percussion)
- Strong classroom management skills
- 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

Classes meet twice per week take place during the school day (between 9am – 4pm).

Compensation

\$50.00 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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