



JOB DESCRIPTION

CHOIR ACCOMPANIST

DEFINITION:

Under the direction of the Principal, provide musical accompaniment as needed for school functions; play the piano to assist in rehearsals, accompany soloists and choral groups during evening, weekend, concerts, competitions and performances.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

- Accompany soloists and choral groups during rehearsals and performances.
- Accompany and assist choirs at school and District functions.
- Correct vocal harmonies during practice and encourage student involvement and participation.
- Consult with the Music Teacher on technical music decisions, such as discrepancies in scores, and errors in music printing.
- Tutor and drill individuals or small groups of students in vocal exercises.
- Transpose and transcribe music as directed.
- Duplicate and make audio recordings of vocal parts for choir use.
- Assist in teaching musical theory and musical concepts.
- Determine the need, and schedule piano tuning/repair with piano technician.
- Evaluate balance on all electronic equipment for performances.
- Set up and supervise the setting up of instruments, monitors, amplifiers, microphones.
- Operate audio equipment.
- Keep library records and properly categorize music.
- Maintain files of sheet music.
- Prepare music material for classroom use such as copying parts, transposing, taping individual parts.
- Evaluate and guide student musical performance as requested by Principal.
- Drive a vehicle to and from school sponsored musical events.

OTHER DUTIES:

- Perform related duties as assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience:

- High School diploma or equivalent GED.
- One year of experience as an accompanist to soloists and choral groups.
- Piano training, experience and capability; musical training that allows for successful performance as an accompanist.

Licenses, Certifications and other Requirements:

- Valid California Class C driver's license.
- Fingerprint clearance.
- Negative TB test result.

Knowledge of:

- Music literature and styles.
- Music theory, language, and history.

- Musical performance practices.
- Proper techniques of choral and individual vocal production.
- Proper techniques in the choral conducting.
- Basic math.

Ability to:

- Play a wide range and variety of musical styles.
- Accompany soloists and choral groups.
- Transpose and interpolate music.
- Improvise melodies and rhythms in different styles.
- Reinforce vocal techniques as applied on a daily basis.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted during the course of work.
- Tutor students in the areas of proper musical and vocal techniques.
- Operate a variety of audio equipment.
- Keep accurate records.
- Understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
- Remain calm in crisis and pressure situations.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Work Environment:

- Indoor/Outdoor/Classroom environment.
- Seasonal heat and cold and adverse weather conditions.
- Driving a vehicle to conduct work.

Physical Demands: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Dexterity of hands and fingers to operate instructional equipment.
- Seeing to read musical scores.
- Hearing and speaking to exchange information.
- Sitting, standing or walking for extended periods of time.
- Bending at the waist, kneeling or crouching.
- Lifting and carrying light objects.
- Reaching overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally.

The information contained in this job description is for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) and is not an exhaustive list of the duties performed.

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FLSA Status: Non-Exempt (Classified Employee Salary Schedule)