

PERCUSSION INSTRUCTOR

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Under the supervision of the site administrator and an assistant to the high school Band Director, the Percussion Instructor is responsible for the planning and instruction of the school's percussion students. Responsibilities will encompass both field and parade band percussion. In addition, this position requires planning and direction of the Winter Percussion program. The instructor prepares appropriate music and rehearses the ensemble for independent performances and possible competitions in accordance with the school curriculum.

This is an annual stipend position that runs from August to June.

SPECIFIC DUTIES: The Percussion Instructor will

- Engage students to practice, play and perform introduced materials.
- Attend all rehearsals, sectionals, and performances, actively participating in assisting students in sectionals and whole group rehearsals.
- Teach drumline basics, i.e. warm-ups, marching techniques and stick work. Teach cadences for marching/playing at athletic, school and community events.
- Choreograph and teach the routine for the winter percussion show.
- Work with the director during auditions and provide input into placement of students on particular instruments of the drumline.
- Teach and assist the "pit" section players with mallet technique and the memorization of music
- Work with the drill writer to check the positioning of the drumline in each musical selection.
- Assist in teaching drill for the show.
- Choreograph sticking and drum line movement to match the drill.
- Monitor and control student behavior according to established procedures
- Maintain inventories of percussion supplies, materials and equipment.
- Adjust and maintain percussion instruments ensuring timely availability for student use.
- Be able to work outdoors and indoors; exposure to sun, heat, cold and inclement weather.
- Other duties as assigned by the Principal or Band Director, i.e. conduct ensemble for school celebrations or rallies.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School Diploma
- Strong background in marching band, percussion performance. Drum corps or university marching band experience preferred.
- Experience in the various sub groups of the percussion section (e.g. snare, bass, tenors, mallets, etc)
- Previous experience with instructing/teaching percussion.
- Experience working with high school aged students.
- Ability to inspire students, building enthusiasm and love of the subject
- Ability to tune/replace drum heads and do minor repairs on drumline equipment.

- Ability to work effectively with students, staff, parents, administrators, and community members.
- Maintain a high level of ethical behavior and exercise good judgment in making decisions.
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Ability to interact with students of different ages and skill levels in a positive and professional manner.
- Be responsible for the selection, training and performances at designated events.

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: H.S. Band Director and Principal

HOURS PER WEEK:

1st Semester: Wednesday night rehearsals 6-8:30pm. [Schedule subject to change] Friday

Afternoon rehearsals 3pm-5pm (or until football game starts)

See "Variable Hours commitment" for hours during 2nd Semester..

VARIABLE HOURS COMMITMENT:

Weekly hours required may vary with the time of year and performance schedule. Maximum can be up to 10 hours during competition season. Minimum may be zero due to off season or school holidays.

ATTENDANCE/CONFLICTS: Any conflicts or missed rehearsals must be communicated to the Band Director at least a week in advance. In the case of illness, communication must be made at least an hour before the rehearsal.