
NOTICE OF VACANCY

We envision 6000+ Thinkers. Thinking is foundational to the development of self and society. It is the cornerstone of all creative ideas and problem-solving, new scientific discoveries, new products and services, individual and organizational learning, education, business success, interpersonal and intrapersonal communications, all social change, and even democracy itself. Our vision is what we see. It motivates us. Our vision is audacious.

Our mission is to engage, educate, and empower. We will strive to engage all students in the importance and relevance of thinking; to educate every learner to communicate, comprehend, and collaborate for understanding; and to empower all in the ICSD to achieve academic excellence.

Position Title: Music Teacher: Middle School Chorus and Music

Brief Description: The Ithaca City School District is seeking a dynamic music educator to join our secondary choral team at the middle school level. Duties will include teaching middle school Chorus and Music with opportunities for involvement with the school's annual Variety Show and Musical.

Location(s): District-Wide

Anticipated Start: 8/28/2024

Posting Dates: 7/12/2024- Until Filled

Number of Vacancies: 1

Application Requirements:

1. Resume/CV
2. Cover Letter
3. Proof of Certification (or pending certification)
4. Three (3) Letters of Reference (required for external candidates)
5. MANDATORY Writing Sample (see prompt below)

The Ithaca City School District values diverse perspectives and life experiences. We encourage people of all backgrounds to apply, including people of color, women, LGBTQIA+, veterans, people with disabilities, and those with lived experiences.

MANDATORY Writing Sample

A writing sample is required for the application to be complete.
Please upload your writing sample separately or with your cover letter.

1. The ICSD has a diverse student population representing a variety of races, gender identities, learning needs, socio-economic status, sexual orientations, languages, national origins, etc. Describe your teaching strategies and/or experiences for effectively educating students from diverse backgrounds. Please give specific examples of how you respond effectively to students who have a variety of identities, and/or respond effectively to students who are different from your own identity. How do you ensure success for every student?
2. Tell us about any personal and professional experiences you have had that would help you help us to fulfill our district equity goals.
3. The Ithaca City School District is a 1:1 district in grades 3-12. Please provide examples of how you have used or your vision for using digital technology in instruction. Also, please provide evidence of how you stay current with students' digital world.

Required Qualifications:

- The Ithaca City School District is committed to eliminating race, class, and disability as predictors of academic performance, co-curricular participation, and discipline. Qualified candidates will demonstrate a basic awareness of these commitments and a strong willingness to support these efforts.
- All candidates must Possess New York State Music K-12 Teaching Certification. This requires at least a Bachelor's degree. Licensed teachers from other states may qualify for reciprocity.

Desired Characteristics:

The ideal candidate will:

- Demonstrate outstanding musical and vocal skills for teaching and modeling healthy and age-appropriate singing
- Possess functional piano skills for playing choral warm-ups and vocal parts
- Study and perform vocal and choral music including: folk,jazz,gospel,spirituals and pop within a social justice lens
- Foster the joy, confidence and community that is cultivated within the school setting through group singing.
- Study healthy vocal techniques related to posture, breathing and tone production as well as basic musicianship skills including music reading, singing in harmony, understanding music terms and identifying music symbols
- Support all students utilizing an inclusive, differentiated approach.
- Work with department professional learning communities within the school and district to further district mission and goals.
- Proven commitment to being a reflective educator committed to antiracist, and culturally responsive, curriculum and pedagogy

- Share our department's mission for building positive relationships with students through the outlet of creative music-making
- Celebrate student identities through music
- Work collaboratively and professionally with department members and school community
- Have a growth mindset, a desire for self-reflection, and be open to feedback
- An educational leader whose competency, energy, and commitment will help ensure that students thrive;
- Proven ability to interact effectively with students and their families who represent cultures that are diverse in terms of race, class, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and other characteristics in order to build an effective and collaborative school community;
- Ability to implement culturally responsive curriculum; create an inclusive classroom; and differentiate instruction in order to engage the learning styles and needs of each student as an individual.

Salary Range: \$53,291-\$75,191 (10-month full-time base)

External Applicants: Apply online at ithacacityschools.recruitfront.com

Internal Applicants: Apply online at ithacacityschools.schoolfront.com

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