

UPPER SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL TEACHER

Hawken School seeks teachers comfortable taking risks and embracing a growth mindset. Our faculty members are constantly looking for new ways to inspire student curiosity while remaining dedicated to nurturing compassion and kindness in our students. We are committed to using time differently and want faculty members to expand their definition of a classroom. This means designing learning experiences for students that deepen their learning, engaging their emotions as well as their intellects.

We desire culturally competent candidates who clearly appreciate a community of teachers and learners from diverse backgrounds and perspectives and are committed to equity and social justice. If you are a teacher-leader who is committed to the ideals of progressive education, we encourage you to read on to learn more about this position and our school.

THE POSITION

Hawken's Performing Arts Department is comprised of teachers who work individually and collaboratively to promote independence, agency, and creativity in all of our students. We look for ways to help them develop confidence in their abilities, see the power of their contributions, and design experiences that build on what's happening in their lives. In its current configuration, this opening for an energetic and student-focused music educator to lead our Upper School instrumental music program is almost full time. Depending upon how the successful candidate is able to contribute to the school in additional ways, there is the possibility of it being full time.

Responsibilities include:

- Direct the Hawken String Ensemble and Concert Band
- Establish and prepare the student pit orchestra for the Upper School Musical
- Lead the Hawken Pep Band in after school rehearsals and evening sporting events
- Assist the director of jazz studies in preparing for school concerts and community events
- Produce four major concerts in collaboration with the performing arts team
- Prepare student ensembles and solos for OMEA adjudicated events
- Encourage and support small ensemble work among students
- Develop and mentor student leaders in all large and small ensembles
- Maintain the music library and all instrumental music equipment
- Establish a strong network to the Cleveland musical community
- Promote and support student compositions and independent musical projects
- Design and teach new performing arts courses for our intensive program
- Explore and implement a wide variety of progressive music education pedagogies
- Embrace a collaborative department culture to support new curricular initiatives
- Forge relationships across departments focused on developing interdisciplinary curriculum
- Advise 10-12 students

Because Hawken believes in supporting teachers' passions, in deepening their expertise, and in fueling their spirit of innovation, we provide substantive professional development opportunities that lead to the kinds of excellence that are a hallmark of our community.

QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and 1-5 years' experience required, Masters preferred.

- Excellent musicianship and a clear understanding of instrumental technique, repertoire, and the theoretical frameworks that support musical development

- Grounded in the principles of audition and instrumental technique, and eager to empower students to become lifelong performers, composers, creators, improvisers, and listeners
- Committed to the ongoing work of the PS-12 performing arts department and the life of the school community
- Flexibility, energy, and a commitment to work actively with students both individually and in groups
- Desire and willingness to try new approaches, embracing a growth mindset for yourself and students
- Passion for designing unique programming and curricula with colleagues in your field and across disciplines
- Demonstrated experience in engaging students with a range of learning styles
- A deep understanding of adolescence and a passion for working with teens as they face the complex issues of today's world
- Actively engage in school life and other duties as assigned

THE SCHOOL

Founded on the ideal that “the better self shall prevail and each generation introduce its successor to a higher plane of life,” Hawken School is a coeducational independent day school with over 1,300 students in preschool through grade 12. Our three campuses within 25 minutes of downtown Cleveland and an urban extension center in the city's museum district provide a demanding and integrated course of study in a diverse and dynamic environment.

To learn more about us, visit www.hawken.edu

INTERESTED?

Please send a resume, references, and a cover letter to: upperschoolemployment@hawken.edu

Hawken School is an equal opportunity employer dedicated to promoting all forms of diversity in the workplace and in our student body. We strongly urge all qualified individuals to apply.