



Nicaragua Christian Academy

"ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITH A CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION"



PK-12 Music Teacher

Philosophy:

Our goal is that all of our students will have fun while learning about the world of music, creating in them an appreciation for vocal and instrumental music and encouraging them to develop their God-given musical abilities. Music class should be active and engaging at all times.

Overview:

Our music program includes weekly music classes for all of our preschool and elementary students, from 3-year-old preschool through sixth grade. It also includes several middle school and high school elective classes that meet daily for one semester at a time. The elementary classes have a strong focus on vocal music, with the addition of rhythm instruments at lower levels and recorders from third through sixth grade. The secondary elective classes include choir, guitar, and other music classes according to the abilities and interests of the teacher.

The music teacher is also responsible for leading the elementary praise band, which is composed of students from fourth through sixth grades. This group has weekly after-school practices and leads worship in chapel on a monthly basis.

There are two annual concerts that are organized by our music teacher, which provide an opportunity for the students to perform. The elementary Christmas concert is in December, and the Mother's Day Program is in May (organized in collaboration with our Spanish teachers). NCA hosts a major school drama or musical production each year. We would love to have additional support from the music teacher in this production.

To the extent of the music teacher's abilities, interests and available time, we welcome the use of after-school time (beginning at 2:45pm) for private music lessons for NCAI students who desire to further develop their vocal or musical abilities with a particular instrument.

Schedule:

A sample schedule is as follows:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:45-8:30					6 th grade
8:35-9:20				Kindergarten	
9:45-10:30		Pre-K 1	Pre-K 2		3 rd grade
10:34-11:24	Choir / Guitar	Choir / Guitar	Choir / Guitar	Choir / Guitar	Choir / Guitar
11:54-12:44	Guitar / Ukulele	Guitar / Ukulele	Guitar / Ukulele	Guitar / Ukulele	Guitar / Ukulele
1:00-1:35	5 th grade		4 th grade	1 st grade	
1:45-2:30		2 nd grade			

Curriculum:

Although we have many resources that are available for both elementary and secondary music classes, including a complete set of McGraw-Hill and World of Music teacher editions for first through sixth grade, we do not currently have an established curriculum. We hope that the teacher who is hired for

this position will be able to help us better organize the program in a way that ensures that musical goals and methods are being taught consistently from year to year. We anticipate that our new teacher, with support from the administrative team, will further develop a consistent, developmentally appropriate PK-6 curriculum in addition to electives for older students. This elementary curriculum should serve to give students the foundational skills and love of music that will launch them into participation in quality high school musical electives.

Resources:

File cabinet of sheet music; computer, projector and sound system; piano, several keyboards, two guitars, bass guitar, drums, recorders, boomwhackers, small rhythm instruments, two xylophones; World of Music teacher editions, McGraw-Hill curriculum teacher editions.

Qualifications:

- 4-year degree in Music Education, Elementary Education or related field
- Teaching certification and 2 years' experience preferred
- Evangelical Christian testimony with active local church experience
- Sense of calling to teach in a developing nation
- Creativity, attention to detail, good interpersonal skills and excellent organizational abilities
- Confident to lead worship through music in small and large group settings, for preschool, elementary, secondary and adults
- Willingness to make a three (or more) year commitment
- Must demonstrate full fluency and expertise in the English language