

SUMMERS-KNOLL SCHOOL

Ann Arbor's Premier Project-Based Education

Music Teacher Preschool - 8th

Position Summary

Summers-Knoll School, a Preschool - 8, progressive, independent school in Ann Arbor, Michigan, has an exciting opportunity for a music teacher interested in working in a project and place-based school setting.

Summers-Knoll School looks for diverse individuals to add to our team setting. SK celebrates diversity enabling it to create a unique group of educators who collaborate together to create a curriculum that teaches its students self-efficacy, global empathy, analytical thinking, agile communication, and entrepreneurship.

Position Responsibilities:

- Teach grades Preschool through 8th approximately 20 contact hours per week;
- Provide a stimulating, creative, and appropriately challenged or appropriately differentiated educational environment, including opportunities for children to develop cognitive, social, emotional, and physical skills.
- Use best practices regarding student-centered instruction, collaboration, and authentic assessment.
- Leading and managing all aspects of the classroom.
- Provide regular and thorough communication to all SK constituencies (students, parents, and colleagues);
- Support enrollment and retention by assisting with tours, events, and other school outreach; and
- Collaborating closely with the other teachers in the school to vertically align coursework between grades above and below.
- Practice clear, timely, and professional communication with students, parents, and colleagues.
- Serve as a role model in maintaining appropriate standards of care for students and maintaining healthy boundaries in student and professional relationships.
- Attend professional development opportunities with reflection on instructional practices.
- Attend weekly staff meetings and other meetings as requested.
- Perform other duties as directed by the Head of School.

About Summers-Knoll School

- SK prides itself on knowing kids well, due to low student-to-teacher ratios and small school size.
- SK has a focus on place-based and project-based learning.
- SK emphasizes preparation of students for success in school and in life.

Ideal candidates will demonstrate, at a minimum, the following:

- A valid Michigan Teacher Certificate.
- Bachelor's Degree or higher with a music concentration.
- A passion for working with young people.



- Experience in project-based teaching practice.
- Strong philosophical alignment with progressive practices.
- A valuing of the outdoors as part of a Preschool - 8 education.
- Strong writing, speaking, and listening skills.
- An ability to deal with ambiguity; a problem-solving mindset; generosity of spirit; a team mentality and a sense of humor.
- Prior successful teaching experience in a project-based and progressive school environment is a plus but not required.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to work in an office environment / outside environment.
- May require extended time outside of school for events or projects.
- COVID-19 vaccination is required.

TO APPLY, please submit the following documentation, in one complete PDF document via email to Johnathan Letcher at jletcher@summers-knoll.org.

- A recently updated resume
- Three recent professional references that we may contact

Compensation: Salary is competitive, commensurate with experience and education level. Summers-Knoll provides health insurance for full-time staff with optional offerings of dental and vision.

This document provides the essential information of the position but is not intended as an exhaustive list of all functions, responsibilities, skills, and abilities. Additional functions and requirements may be assigned by supervisors as deemed appropriate. This position description is subject to change at any time.

Summers-Knoll School is an Equal Opportunity Employer.