



FREDERICA ACADEMY

Enriching the Mind, Body and Spirit.

Title Lower School General Music Teacher

Job Category Lower School Faculty

Reports to: Lower School Director

FSLA Classification: Exempt

Frederica Academy is a Pre-K – 12th Grade independent school located on St. Simons Island, GA. The Academy is a member of NAIS and GISA, accredited by the SAIS/Cognia/Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The school has approximately 450 students. For more information, please see our school website at fredericaacademy.org and our School Profile under “About us.”

Frederica Academy Mission Statement: To maximize each student’s potential and prepare him or her for college and adult life through the development of mind, body, and spirit.

Job Summary:

Frederica Academy seeks a Lower School General Music Teacher, a 10-month faculty position, to begin in August 2022. The primary duties are teaching music to PreK, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 through 4 and collaboration with the Middle School for the 5th grade theater production, and other teaching and supervisory duties as determined by the school. Faculty member will join a team of dedicated arts faculty who support an interdisciplinary model. The Early Childhood and General Music program focuses on human development, integrated music and movement, cultural and artistic diversity, as well as strong foundational music skills. The school has recently invested in Quaver as a curriculum resource and hopes to further develop this exciting curriculum. Technology plays a large role in the Lower School, and the music teacher is expected to have fluency in recording techniques. The Lower School music teacher leaders and/or assists in the division and school’s theatrical productions, concerts, and special events.

In tandem with the Fine Arts teaching team, the Lower School Music Teacher collaboratively builds upon the General music and Instrumental music curriculum; recruits and retains music students, encourages students in ensembles and solos, and prepares and present student concerts and community events throughout the school year. Instilling a love of music in all students at Frederica Academy is an ongoing goal of this position.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- Instructs students in General Music practice; assess and ensure student progress
- Sings and leads classes with proper vocal techniques; can accompany on piano or guitar
- Is trained in Orff-Kodaly teaching modalities for Early Childhood Music
- Maintain an actively engaged classroom environment to support student learning
- Instruct and assess students in a positive environment. Assess and document student work in a timely manner.
- Selects appropriate music and materials which will contribute to age-appropriate understanding, technique and appreciation of music
- Maintains and makes recommendations about instruments, inventory and music library
- Promotes a positive environment that enhances student learnings as well as professional relationships
- Pursue professional development opportunities and maintain membership in Arts affiliated organizations
- Carries out other duties as assigned, which may include student advising, club or activity sponsorship, coaching or trip chaperoning
- In coordination with the Fine Arts department, develop outreach programs that connect Arts education to other community Arts partners
- Participate in Admissions Open House and support Development and Admission efforts. Participate in school events whenever possible
- Attend and support after-school activities and programs (i.e. concerts, sporting events).
- Support the school’s commitment to diversity and multicultural education.

- Complete required Human Resources trainings each year (CPR, first aid, mandatory reporting, etc.).
- Participate in all faculty and department meetings as called

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Music Education. Master's degree is preferred.
- String instrumentalist or piano accompanist preferred
- Audio-Video Technology knowledge/ specialty preferred
- Elementary and Early Childhood teaching experience
- Fluency and proficiency in educational technology
- A strong desire to work in a collaborative community.
- Demonstrates flexibility and responsiveness to a variety of learning styles and a range of abilities.
- Ethical behavior, professionalism and a respect for diversity.
- Strong instructional and classroom management skills.
- Energy, empathy, flexibility, and collaboration.
- Good organizational and communication skills.

Environment Characteristics:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The individual can expect the possibility of a stressful environment while dealing with a wide variety of challenges and can anticipate deadlines with a varied array of student situations. The noise level in the work environment is usually commensurate with singing and musical performance by young children. Varied extreme outside weather conditions during special activities and school events are possible. The employee will primarily teach indoors with occasional field trips off campus. Some evening and weekend commitments are required.

Frederica Academy is dedicated to providing equal employment opportunities to all personnel and applicants for employment without regard to race; color; religion; sex; national origin; handicap or disability; sexual orientation; or status as a veteran, Vietnam era, or special disabled veteran.