

# Music Teacher

Citizens of the World Charter Schools – Kansas City

## SUMMARY

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The mission of CWC Kansas City is to provide an excellent public education focused on developing and demonstrating **understanding** while building **connections** within a **diverse** community.

CWC Kansas City teachers will implement a high-quality, challenging academic program that includes curriculum consistent with the constructivist learning theory, and developing project-based, interdisciplinary units that allow students to develop and then demonstrate their understanding actively and creatively.

We are looking for candidates who have experience with similar models of instruction, working in diverse communities, and a solid understanding of supporting the academic, social, and emotional development of young children. Our specialist teaching positions offer the unique opportunity to work in collaboration with administration, grade level teachers, special education staff, and the community to develop an integrated, project-based approach to learning for children of diverse learning styles.

This is a full-time position located in Kansas City, MO. For more information on Citizens of the World Charter Schools – Kansas City, please visit [www.cwckansascity.org](http://www.cwckansascity.org).

## RESPONSIBILITIES

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Responsibilities will include:

- Develop curriculum, units of study, and lessons that meet or exceed requirements of the Missouri Learning Standards Music Grade-Level Expectations and reflect a commitment to integration across other areas of learning from the core and enrichment curriculum
- Complete and submit lesson plans in a timely manner
- Create an active and joyous learning culture in music classes that reflects CWCKC's social-emotional learning focus and contributes to the broader school community.
- Observe, reflect, and assess student growth and development, both individually and across grade levels, with two goals: 1) assuring student awareness, skills development, and appreciation of music, and 2) continually developing and improving of the elementary music program.
- Contribute to the completion of student progress reports in the spring and assist with the scheduling changes throughout conference week.
- Collaborate with our faculty and staff in the continuation of our weekly all-school "Friday Morning Sing" programming.
- Collaborate in creating an end-of-year celebration performance event that includes music.

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- Assist in student supervision during their lunch meal and/or recess time.
- Participate in professional development activities, both internal (led by the principal, lead teachers and visiting experts) and external (visiting other schools, attending conferences, and engaging in best practice sharing with others in the charter school community, etc.).
- Maintain frequent, respectful, sensitive, and effective communication with students, students' families, colleagues, and other school stakeholders.
- Demonstrate a high-level of professionalism including meeting deadlines, and commitments to self, students, and the community.

### QUALIFICATIONS & TRAITS

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The ideal candidate will have:

- A bachelor's degree (master's preferred) and appropriate Missouri Music Teacher Certification
- Experience with the Orff-Schulwerk developmental approach (preferred)
- Experience working with diverse populations, including English language learners and students with special needs
- Experience organizing and managing a student-centered learning environment that includes age-appropriate, culturally-responsive management practices
- An exhibited ability to work with children in a caring and respectful manner in order to create a joyful, caring classroom environment where instructional time includes community building, conflict resolution, skill-building, and empowering students to be peacemakers and agents for positive social change
- Excellent communication/interpersonal skills as well as a desire to collaborate with colleagues to help develop a strong school community
- Willingness to explore additional school responsibilities (before/after school care and classes, committee involvement, etc.); stipends may be available for such responsibilities.
- Maturity, humility, strong work ethic, sense of humor, and a can-do attitude
- Fluency in Spanish is preferred

### COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

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CWC Kansas City offers competitive salaries commensurate with experience and a comprehensive benefits package. CWC Kansas City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. As an organization that values diversity and aims to serve a diverse group of students, we work to reflect this diversity in our staff as well.

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## CONTACT

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Please apply online through the TalentEd Application Portal on our website at [www.cwckansascity.org/employment](http://www.cwckansascity.org/employment). No phone calls, please.

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## ABOUT CITIZENS OF THE WORLD CHARTER SCHOOLS

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Our purpose at Citizens of the World Charter Schools is to realize human potential by strengthening the bonds among us and developing true citizens of the world. In this work, we are guided by our core values of Excellence, Authenticity, Diversity, Community, and Change and our operating norms, which reflect a commitment to personal and professional growth, including operating as learners, and with curiosity, integrity, and humility.

The mission of Citizens of the World Charter Schools is to impact and expand the conversation about what an excellent education contains, requires, and accomplishes. Citizens of the World schools challenge students to realize their full potential and thrive in a diverse society.

We are public schools open to all, committed to serving diverse communities throughout the U.S. with schools currently in Los Angeles and Kansas City. We develop sophisticated thinkers who master content and have a courageous and compassionate sense of responsibility for themselves and all people. Our schools are in strong demand: in 2015, we had ten times more student interest than space available. Our classrooms are challenging and joyful learning environments that engage children through projects tailored to their personal experiences, strengths, and needs.

Our teachers take the time to get to know each child as an individual. We empower children to think critically and learn to engage respectfully and productively with fellow students by developing their capacity to enter into and understand the lives of others. Our goal is for student “success” to include mastery of both content and emotions, so that students can meaningfully connect with each other, be part of any community, and courageously decide who they are in the world and how they want the world to be.

In this work, we:

- Prepare students to become citizens of the world in an ever-changing future.
- Promote academic rigor and experiential learning to support and develop children's natural intellectual curiosity.
- Embrace a constructivist, project-based learning approach to teaching and learning.
- Develop each child's potential to live as a learner, both in school and out.
- Reflect, welcome, and celebrate the community's diversity.
- Strengthen the bonds among members of the school community and beyond.