

CHOIR DIRECTOR

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: **Choir Director, Independent Contractor**
Reports to: Lafayette Elementary School HSA President and Principal
Location: Lafayette Elementary School, DCPS
5701 Broad Branch Road, NW
Washington, DC 20015

POSITION SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Choir Director is responsible for all aspects of directing student vocal ensembles, ensuring they run smoothly and efficiently with the goal of enriching students' music education through collaboration in a vocal ensemble. Working closely with the school music educator, the Choir Director will be responsible for programming performances throughout the school year aligned to grade-level curriculum. The Choir Director will rehearse and direct ensembles at all performances, to include some evening performances.

The choir director interacts positively and diplomatically with a wide range of constituents including teachers, aides and staff within Lafayette Elementary, parents and caregivers. As the day-to-day lead educator for the vocal ensembles, the Choir Director will be expected to exercise excellent judgment and initiative, managing students in the classroom and handling matters independently.

SCHEDULE: Lafayette Elementary School employs a six-day rotating schedule. This position will report for instructional duty from 2:30 – 3:15pm on Days 1-4 for the SY 2017-2018. Additional class preparation time, administrative and grade-level team meetings to be scheduled as needed during the school year.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: may include, but are not limited to, the following:

REQUIRED:

- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain effective classroom management.
- Demonstrated ability to successfully employ effective teaching methods.
- Demonstrated desire and ability to work and communicate effectively with staff, students and parents from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- Flexibility and willingness to collaborate with team of educators.
- Candidate must be able to pass a federal background check and DCPS volunteer screening.
- Candidate must provide general liability insurance.
- Minimum 1-year commitment required for SY 2017-2018

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES Cont'd

PREFERRED:

- Experienced choir director with strong skills in leadership, organization and instructional strategies.
- Strong desire to achieve and maintain a high quality vocal music program.
- Strong musical background in vocal repertoire and vocal techniques.
- Strong technical knowledge about the changing student voice.
- Evidence of superior musicianship in classical stylistic interpretation.
- Evidence of good rehearsal and classroom management skills.
- Training/experience in motivating elementary students of all abilities and directing age appropriate music productions.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to maintain a sense of perspective and humor.

ACCOUNTABILITIES: Satisfactory completion of this job will include building and maintaining good working relationships with students, colleagues, volunteers, and families; engaging students in vocal music; managing performances from programming through concerts; ability to take initiative, anticipate and plan ahead; flexibility required in all circumstances.

COMPENSATION

Please provide recent salary history. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

APPLICATIONS

For consideration, please forward a resume, cover letter and references, in confidence, to:

Bethann Siegel, Lafayette HSA
lafayettechoirdirector@gmail.com

- Please include 1 personal and 2 professional references.
- Qualified applicants will be asked to guest teach a class during an interview prior to June 14, 2017.
- Applications accepted thru Friday May 26, 2017.