



EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF BATON ROUGE

Lower School Music Teacher

The Episcopal School of Baton Rouge seeks a Lower School Music Teacher to work with students in PreK-3 through 5th grade for the 2021-2022 academic year. The Lower School Music Teacher is an integral part of both the Lower School and Visual and Performing Arts Department, a community of artist teachers, at a dynamic, inclusive, arts-rich institution. This position is a ten-month full-time position to begin August 2021. The responsibilities of this position are detailed below.

General Duties

- Teach music classes to early childhood and lower-school-aged children that mixes music appreciation with basic skill development, focusing on vocal and simple instrumental music with special attention to rhythm, musicality, and the ability to listen to others and play as a cohesive group.
- Promote a life-long appreciation and love of music in early childhood and lower school students.
- Work with the Lower School Religious Studies Teacher, Lower School Counselor, Early Childhood Director, and Lower School Division Head to plan music and periodic student performances for the daily morning meeting, a combination of chapel and assembly.
- Collaborate with the Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair and Middle and Upper School Choir Director and Band Director to ensure a cohesive music curriculum across grade levels.
- Collaborate with the homeroom teachers, Lower School Art Teacher, and other specialists to develop cross-curricular ties in lessons and projects.
- Provide musical direction for the annual Lower School and Middle School fall musical production.

Personal and Professional Characteristics and Experiences

- A bachelor's degree in elementary music education, an education degree with significant classroom music experience, or certification in elementary music is required.
- Lower School music content knowledge, including familiarity with or certification in Orff Schulwerk and the Kodaly Method.
- The ability to accompany students in performance on the piano or guitar.

- Excellent classroom management skills and an ability to direct the instruction of students of various ages, skill, and learning needs.
- Appreciation for and understanding of the uniqueness of early childhood and lower school-aged children, demonstrating a loving and nurturing temperament.
- An ability, drive, and self-motivation to deepen the performance of an already credible department in ways that improves outcomes for students and the ability to work in a fast-paced, collaborative environment.
- An ability to communicate clearly and with appropriate empathy to students, parents, and colleagues.
- Embraces the whole-child educational philosophy and seeks to help students develop in all aspects.

Our School Mission

As a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana, Episcopal School of Baton Rouge nurtures and develops the whole child -- spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically and artistically -- through challenging academic and co-curricular programs which prepare our graduates for college and for purposeful lives.

Description of School

Episcopal, a college preparatory educational community of approximately 950 students and approximately 170 professionals, includes grades PreK-3 through 12. Episcopal is known historically for its academic performance, for its attention to the spiritual lives of its students, and for offering a wide range of opportunities for student education and development. Opportunities to excel in academics, arts, athletics, service, and community leadership characterize the school's program.

Our Episcopal Identity

Episcopal schools are Christian communities whose missions integrate spiritual formation into all aspects of the educational experience in a graceful and inclusive way. Even the most diverse of Episcopal schools are created to be communities that honor, celebrate and worship God as the center of life. We are created to be models of God's love and grace. We are created to serve God in Christ in all persons, regardless of origin, background, ability, or religion. We are created to "strive for justice and peace among all people and [to] respect the dignity of every human being."

Episcopal schools have been established, however, not solely as communities for Christians, like a parish church, but as diverse institutions of educational and human development for people of all faiths and backgrounds. Episcopal schools are populated by a rich variety of human beings, from increasingly diverse religious, cultural, and economic backgrounds. By weaving the principles of meaningful school worship, rich community life, foundational religious education, and striving for social justice into the very fabric of the school's overall life, Episcopal schools ensure that we challenge all who attend our schools to build lives of genuine meaning, purpose and service in the world they will inherit.

Submission Information

Episcopal will offer a competitive salary and good benefits for this position. Digital applications are preferred and welcomed at gardnerb@ehsbr.org. Please include an [employment application](#), cover letter, resume, copy of transcripts, references, and explanation of your interest in the position.

Application materials can also be sent to Beth Gardner, Episcopal School of Baton Rouge, 3200 Woodland Ridge Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70816.

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