



Performing Arts Teacher

The McClelland School seeks a Performing Arts Teacher for preschool through eighth grade. The ideal candidate understands child development and leads joyful, engaging classes with charisma, humor, energy, and a strong ability to connect with and inspire students. This role collaborates closely with colleagues and helps bring performances and community traditions to life.

Core Responsibilities

- Teach developmentally-appropriate performing arts classes (e.g., drama, creative movement, performance-based music, improvisation, stage presence, storytelling).
- Build a simple, cohesive performing arts experience across preschool–8th grade.
- Plan and lead two all-school performance events each year, plus smaller showcases as appropriate.
- Create an inclusive program that reflects diverse cultures and perspectives.
- Collaborate with classroom and specialty teachers to support school-wide themes and initiatives.
- Communicate proactively with families and contribute to student narrative assessments as needed.
- Implement school-adopted music education curriculum to support the development of grade-level music skills.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree (or higher) in Performing Arts, Theatre, Dance, Music, Arts Education, Education, or a related field (or equivalent experience).
- Experience teaching children in a school, studio, or youth program setting.
- Ability to direct and produce student performances in a supportive, age-appropriate way.
- Strong classroom management skills and warm, clear communication with students and adults.
- Commitment to student-centered education in an inclusive, community-centered school culture.

Interested and qualified applicants should send a cover letter, resume, philosophy of education, and references via email to Jo Nesbit, Head of School, at jnesbit@mcquellandschool.org.