

## Middle/Upper School Music Teacher

**The Academy of the Sacred Heart** in New Orleans, founded in 1867, is an independent, Catholic, college-prep institution for girls offering 17 years of instruction for one-year-olds through twelfth grade. Academy of the Sacred Heart is one of 24 Network of Sacred Heart Schools in the United States-Canada sponsored by the Religious of the Sacred Heart (RSCJ).

### Job Description

The Academy of the Sacred Heart is seeking a full-time Music Teacher for grades 7-12 who has a desire to develop a love of music in his/her students. The ideal candidate possesses a degree in Music Education and teaching experience in creating a music program with an emphasis on vocal pedagogy and music theory. The inclusion of music history and handbells is also preferred. This position includes leadership, participation and planning of music for all school events, concerts and masses.

The Middle/Upper School Music Teacher as a Middle School/Upper faculty member is directly accountable to the Middle and Upper School Division Heads. S(he) works with the Division Heads, Deans of Students, students and parents to ensure that the spirit and life of the school reflect the *Goals and Criteria* of Sacred Heart education. S(he):

- Understands, embraces and implements the school's mission and philosophy as written in the *Goals and Criteria*; participates in the Christ-centered life of the school; and models the school's philosophy in working with students, parents, colleagues and administration.
- Works with the Division Head to execute responsibilities relating to the academic program: curriculum development and implementation, classroom management, student evaluation, grade reporting and parent communication, and to execute responsibilities as outlined by the Division Head and Department Chairs, which contribute to smooth department functioning.
- Works with the Division Head and Dean of Students to execute responsibilities relating to student life programs, extra-academic activities, student discipline and facility use.
- Works with the Middle School Guidance Counselor and Learning Specialist to aid students in achieving their maximum development and growth, both within and beyond the classroom, achieved through observation of students' behavior and needs, consultation with the Counselor, Learning Specialist, Division Head and other professionals, when indicated.
- Works with the College Counselor by providing input on students' character and academic performance, by writing college recommendations and by assisting with standardized testing, as requested.
- Attends and participates in the following: chapels, liturgical functions, retreats, faculty/department/in-service meetings, assemblies, parent assemblies, conferences and other school functions, as requested.
- Maintains professional currency by ensuring professional certification and actively participating in the professional development program (which includes opportunities for attendance at conferences,



workshops and educational meetings, and for advanced degree coursework), and by regular reading of educational journals and discipline-related materials.

- Anticipates potential absences, due to illness, family, professional development, etc., and prepares work accordingly, notifying the Division Head in a timely fashion, in order that substitutes are called as needed.
- Agrees to fulfill the terms of the contract of employment.

### **Preferred Qualifications**

- A degree in Music Education
- Successful teaching experience in creating a music program with an emphasis on vocal pedagogy and music theory
- The inclusion of music history and handbells is also preferred.
- Experienced pianist

### **Application Process**

Applicants should complete the Online Employee Inquiry Form at [ashrosary.org/careers](http://ashrosary.org/careers). Applicants will be prompted to upload the following:

1. Cover letter indicating why they are particularly interested in and qualified for the position.
2. Current résumé.
3. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references from current and/or former director supervisors. (We will obtain permission from candidates before contacting references.)
4. During the application process, you may be asked to complete the ASH Employment Application PDF, which is available for download at [ashrosary.org/careers](http://ashrosary.org/careers).

*The Academy of the Sacred Heart is an equal opportunity employer. The goal of the Academy of the Sacred Heart is to hire and motivate an outstanding and diverse faculty and staff who work together harmoniously toward the common mission.*