



Arizona School for the Arts

PIANO TEACHER Grades 5-12 School Year 2024-2025

ASA's mission is to inspire creative thinkers and leaders through providing an innovative concentration in college preparation informed by the performing arts.

As a member of ASA's Piano Department, this faculty member will teach class piano to middle school and high school students. This position will teach 2 middle school classes and 2 high school classes. This instructor designs, plans, and implements a challenging and relevant curriculum that focuses on the specific pedagogy needed for success in playing at this level. The curriculum takes a progressive approach to the keyboard, requiring the teacher to be proficient in traditional piano technique. The teacher must be experienced in providing feedback to help students develop their creative and performance skills.

Class sizes are limited to 14 students with middle school and high school students separated based on ability level. Arts teachers have 2.5 hours of prep time for curriculum planning, meeting, integrating, and assessing. ASA will provide the curriculum and the department will collaborate when planning for additional enhancement or with new content. Curriculum to align with the national and state performing arts standards and social-emotional learning (SEL) competencies. They will also be asked to differentiate their curriculum using additional resources as needed to support student growth and achievement. This teacher works closely with the area Department.

ASA is devoted to fostering an inclusive environment where the enjoyment and benefits of a college preparatory and performing arts education are accessible to the entire community, and where all voices are listened to and valued, regardless of race, gender, and sexual orientation.

This position reports to the Dean of Arts.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Create a respectful, stimulating, purposeful, and student-centered classroom.
- Cultivate critical thinking and active participation in the classroom.
- Utilize current curriculum and assessments aligned to the National and State Arts Standards, ASA standards, SEL Competencies, and ASA's scope and sequence.
- Communicate clear objectives to students.
- Communicate progress and achievement to students and parents.
- Work cooperatively with colleagues in a team setting for curriculum design, assessment, and implementation.

- Collaborate and participate with the Piano Department faculty in team meetings, developing the department newsletter, establishing department culture and norms, problem solving, and coordinating the department recitals.
- Collaborate and participate with the entire arts faculty in the school's annual end-of-year *Showcase* production.
- Uphold the school's philosophy, mission, vision, and values
- Perform Duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree in Music or Music Education (piano emphasis/expertise preferred) from an accredited four-year college or university; Masters of Music preferred.
- Proven musicianship and pedagogical skills as a performer and teacher with an extensive knowledge of piano repertoire.
- Proven experience working with student musicians of varying ages and experience; 3-4 years of classroom teaching experience preferred.
- Valid Arizona Department of Public Safety Identity Verified Prints (IVP) card.

Required Knowledge, Skills, and Personal Characteristics:

- A lifelong learner interested in acquiring new skills and knowledge.
- Passionate about students, content area, and teaching.
- Concerned about holistic development of the individual.
- Flexible, creative, and has the capacity to innovate.
- Excellent organizational, oral communication, and written communication skills.
- Experience with:
 - Effective classroom management skills.
 - Utilization of constructivist teaching strategies
 - Authentic assessment and rubrics
 - Google Workplace and Notation Software preferred

Salary and Benefits:

- Salary commensurate with experience.
- Full time position with benefits.
- Member of ASRS.

Interested candidates should submit the following via e-mail to employment@goasa.org:

- Cover letter, resume, three letters of reference, and the [ASA Application for Employment](#) found on the website.

ASA is an equal opportunity employer. Discrimination against an otherwise qualified individual with a disability or any individual by reason of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, genetic information, or veteran status is prohibited. Efforts will be made in recruitment and employment to ensure equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons.