

Middle School Band Director & Music Teacher
Lake Forest Country Day School
Lake Forest, Illinois

Lake Forest Country Day School is seeking a Middle School Director of Bands and music educator for the upcoming 2019-20 school year. The band program begins as a general music class for all fifth-grade students, while sixth through eighth-grade students may choose to participate in the Concert and Symphonic Band. These rehearsals occur before school and small group lessons/sectionals take place throughout the school day. The Director of Bands collaborates with two other music teachers in the school to provide our students with an integrated music education which focuses on music literacy, listening and analysis, and performance. In addition, the Director of Bands works closely with a vibrant Fine Arts Department to achieve the common goal of artistic literacy for all of our students.

LFCDS, located on a 30-acre campus about 30 miles north of Chicago, Illinois, is a co-educational, independent day school serving 400 students from age 2 through eighth grade. The School has a long tradition of producing thoughtful, confident, and successful students. Children are known, loved, and challenged at LFCDS, and a state-of-the-art facility provides a remarkable setting for inspired teaching, academic rigor, and attention to individual needs.

Position Description:

Director of Bands & Music Teacher

- Serve as the Director of Bands and member of the Fine Arts Department
- Teach a sixth-grade general music class which includes elements of music technology/innovation
- Implement a sequential music literacy program for Upper School students based on the current curricula
- Provide individual, small group, and ensemble instrument sectional instruction in brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments
- Plan and select repertoire for fall and spring concerts
- Help students prepare for solo and ensemble contest

Member of the Fine Arts Department

- Participate in dialogue with two other teachers of music to develop continuity and mutual support
- Attend regular department meetings and support all Fine Arts events at the school
- Work as part of the Fine Arts team, ensuring that teamwork, flexibility, sense of humor and creative problems solving remain important
- Work and plan with individual instrumental private instructors
- Develop and balance band budget

- Organize instrumental rental program for the Beginning Band program

Member of the Faculty

- Engage in activities that foster/celebrate our students as creative individuals
- Additional responsibilities may include
 - Serve as an academic advisor
 - Attend regular team meetings
 - Engage in team-level collaboration and goal setting
 - Establish common and/or compatible classroom management expectations and team management protocol
 - Perform all non-teaching duties assigned by the Upper School Head
 - Help to flexibly organize time within the daily schedule
 - Plan and revise curriculum as needed
 - Write narrative progress reports
 - Articulate regular parent communication

Mission Statement: Inspired teaching, academic rigor, attention to individual needs, a commitment to responsible citizenship—these principles infuse every aspect of life at Lake Forest Country Day School and define our dedication to producing students of strong character with a passion for learning.

Core Values: Excellence, Partnership, Responsibility, Participation, Diversity.

Lake Forest Country Day School seeks and embraces diversity among our faculty, staff, and student body. LFCDS is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, age, religion, marital status, disability, sex, gender, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, military or veteran status, order of protection status, genetic information, or any other category protected by applicable law.

Individuals interested should send a cover letter and resume via mail or e-mail to:

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