

Abbotsford Christian School, located in the Fraser Valley, is a well-established interdenominational school of 1200 students in three campuses: Elementary (preschool – grade 4), Middle (5-8), and Secondary (9-12).

ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER

Abbotsford Christian School is currently accepting applications for an **ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER**. This position is full-time, salaried, and begins September 1, 2024.

At Abbotsford Christian School, the elementary campus music teacher recognizes the importance of whole-child development and faith formation as an integral part of music education. The music teacher is responsible for planning and implementing the music fine arts program with a distinctively Christian vision for grade 1 to grade 4 students. This role involves competently teaching fundamental music concepts, as well as providing instruction in vocal and instrumental technique. The music teacher engages students in active music-making through singing, playing instruments, and ensemble participation.

The teacher is responsible for planning and executing various student performances throughout the year (for example: Christmas concert, spring musical, grandfriends day, and Honorary Members banquet, etc.). As an extracurricular, the teacher directs the elementary school choir, Joyful Sounds. The music teacher creates a positive and inclusive learning environment that cultivates a sense of awe and wonder for God's creative work through the study and appreciation of music.

Our current staff is highly skilled, dedicated, creative, passionate, and model Christ in their actions; we are looking for the right candidate to complement our team. For additional information about teaching at ACS, we encourage applicants to review our [Educator Opportunity Profile](#).

To learn more about how our mission to engage minds, nurture hearts, and shape God's world plays out in ACS' classrooms, we encourage you to read the stories of deeper learning experiences and projects in our [2022-23 Annual Report](#).

Specific qualifications include:

- BA Degree in education (or equivalent) with a music specialty
- BC Teaching certificate (or equivalent)
- Extracurricular experience
- Clear understanding of Christian education
- Music education, instrument proficiency, The Kodály Method, or related experience.
- Prior experience working with elementary school students and/or teaching music in a group setting.

The applicant must:

- Promote a positive attitude toward music, encouraging students to explore their talents, express themselves creatively, and develop a lifelong appreciation for the arts.
- Be able to confidently teach fundamental music concepts, including melody, rhythm, harmony, and form and provide instruction in vocal and instrumental technique.
- Demonstrate a willingness to work in a team environment in a progressive and creative school.
- Have confident communication skills with parents, students, and staff/co-workers.
- Be able to foster a supportive and inclusive learning environment that encourages creativity and expression.
- Establish positive working relationships with school staff, community partners, families, and children.

The salary range for this position is \$56,000 – \$94,000 and is dependent on an applicant's qualifications and experiences.

Please send a cover letter, resume, statement of faith (500 words or less), philosophy of Christian education (500 words or less), references, and any applicable credentials to:

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CLOSING DATE: March 25, 2024

Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Candidates should note, however, that in the event outstanding applicants are identified early in the search process, ACS reserves the right to make an appointment at any time. For this reason, it is important that interested candidates apply as soon as possible.