



The Shambhala School

Music Director Job Posting

If you've ever seen the movie "School of Rock" and thought Jack Black's character had a cool job, we may have an opportunity for you.

The Shambhala School's music program is more "Mr. Blue Sky" and less "Fur Elise". Each grade, from five to 12, is its own band, and each perform at least two shows a year in the school gym. When our bands aren't preparing for public performances, they might be filming and recording projects for Youtube, TikTok, or Instagram.

Many of our students are passionate about music and have the talent to match it. They need you to be an exceptional teacher, a source of inspiration, and their number one fan.

At the Shambhala School, we've incorporated mindfulness traditions into the fabric of our school culture -- as well as arts and outdoor education -- nurturing emotional, social, and psychological resilience in our students. We believe that all students deserve an environment where they can reach their full potential. We back this belief with a substantial tuition assistance program and Diversity Scholarship program, so that many can have that opportunity.

Here's what kind of person we need

As the school's Music Director, you are:

- An experienced music teacher (preferably with youth);
- Organized, and can work to deadlines;
- Comfortable leading all areas of organization and production for student performances.
- Available during weekdays
- Able to provide:
 - Constructive feedback to students;
 - Timely grading and meaningful assessments, and;
 - Additional availability for Parent-Teacher conferences.
- Proficient/Awesome at guitar, or piano
- Competent with music theory and guitar tab.
- Must be able to help novice students learn guitar, bass, keyboards and drums.

Key Responsibilities

- Organize and produce both year end concerts
- Shambhala School has a three term school year with parent teacher and student parent teacher conferences preceding term reports.
- Participation in teacher week, prior and at the end of each school year, several PD days as well as grading and writing assessments for each term.

Diversity Statement:

The Shambhala School is committed to inviting, appreciating and working with a diverse population of staff and students in ways that fully develop and utilize each person's abilities and strengths which in turn builds a strong school community. We are committed to employment equity and invite applications from traditionally under-represented groups including but not limited to the African Canadian community, Indigenous peoples, and the LGBTQ* community.

Conditions of Employment:

The successful candidate will be required to complete a Criminal Background Check, Vulnerable Sector Check and Child Abuse Registry Clearance. All applicants must be

eligible to work in Canada and hold a valid first aid/CPR certificate, and live or be willing to relocate to the Halifax Regional Municipality.

How to Apply:

To apply, send a cover letter and curriculum vitae to employment@shambhalaschool.org

Application is open until the position is filled.