

Crowden

Music changes everything

Position: 6th Grade Lead Teacher

Start Date: August, 2025 start

Status: Regular, full-time, salaried, exempt 10-month position

THE OPPORTUNITY:

For over 40 years, Crowden has been transforming lives through music and education. We are seeking a dedicated 6th Grade Lead Teacher to provide exceptional academic instruction within our chamber music inspired educational environment.

This teacher will join a vibrant community of students, teachers, and musicians who believe in the power of chamber music principles applied to educational practices to shape young minds and build inclusive communities. As a core member of our middle school faculty, you will guide students through a pivotal year of academic and personal growth while embracing Crowden's unique approach to learning that values collaboration, leadership, and individual responsibility.

OUR PROGRAM:

Crowden's middle school program embodies our mission by creating a dynamic, inclusive learning environment where academic subjects are taught with the ethos of chamber music in mind, promoting:

- Critical thinking and analytical skills
- Strong literacy and mathematical foundations
- Historical understanding and cultural context
- Scientific inquiry and exploration
- Social-emotional development and self-awareness
- Collaborative learning and community building
- Student agency and responsibility for learning

The program is thoughtfully designed with:

- Small class sizes for individualized attention
- Dedicated classroom spaces for core subjects
- Parallel structure to Crowden's renowned music program
- Supportive advisory program for student development

- Pedagogical approach parallels the ensemble learning model and approach informed by chamber music principles

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

As the 6th Grade Lead Teacher, you will:

- Develop and implement engaging curriculum in English, Math, History, Science, and Advisory that aligns with Crowden's mission and educational standards
- Design and deliver instruction that embodies chamber music values of collaboration, leadership, and individual responsibility
- Create lessons that accommodate diverse learning styles and abilities
- Assess student progress through a variety of appropriate methods
- Communicate effectively with students, families, and colleagues about student growth
- Coordinate with specialist music faculty to ensure coherent educational experiences
- Participate actively in faculty meetings, professional development, and school events
- Contribute to a positive school culture that emphasizes growth, creativity, and inclusion
- Support students through the social-emotional challenges of early adolescence

QUALIFICATIONS:

Required:

- Bachelor's degree in Education or relevant subject area
- Teaching credential or equivalent experience
- Minimum 3 years experience teaching middle school grades
- Demonstrated expertise in teaching multiple subjects (English, Math, History, Science)
- Strong classroom management and differentiation skills
- Experience with project-based and student-centered learning approaches
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Appreciation of music (musical training not required)
- Commitment to fostering an inclusive learning community

Preferred:

- Master's degree in Education or subject specialization
- Experience in collaborative teaching models
- Knowledge of middle school advisory programs
- Experience with social-emotional learning frameworks
- Understanding of how chamber music principles can inform educational practices

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE WILL POSSESS:

- Deep understanding of early adolescent development
- Passion for creating engaging, rigorous learning experiences
- Ability to connect academic concepts across disciplines
- Commitment to equity and inclusion in education
- Adaptability and creative problem-solving skills
- Enthusiasm for collaborative teaching practices
- Warmth and empathy in student relationships

- Dedication to Crowden's vision of transforming lives through music and education

BENEFITS:

- Competitive salary commensurate with experience
- Comprehensive health, dental, and vision insurance
- Retirement plan with employer contribution
- Professional development opportunities
- Supportive and collaborative work environment
- Opportunity to shape an innovative educational program in a music-rich environment

Salary Information - \$76,000 - \$80,000, depending on experience

TO APPLY:

Join us in transforming lives through music and education! Please submit:

1. Cover letter describing your teaching philosophy, approach to collaborative learning, and vision for this role
2. Current resume
3. Three professional references

Send applications to: 6thgradeteacher2025@crowden.org. No phone calls, please.

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