



# Crowden

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## **The Crowden School: Cello and Ensemble Instructor, Grades K-8 (part-time)**

*The Crowden School seeks a part-time Cello and Ensemble Music Instructor to begin in Fall 2025.*

*Crowden is committed to creating a diverse environment and is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We value an inclusive community of students, parents, faculty and staff, and supporters, celebrating our many differences and uniting in our shared love of music of all kinds and origins. Crowden does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, disability, age, or veteran status. Applicants from diverse backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.*

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Crowden School, a coeducational day school for grades kindergarten through eight, provides a distinguished education with chamber music at the core. Founded in 1983 by Scottish violinist Anne Crowden, The Crowden School is the flagship program of the Crowden Music Center, a non-profit organization that combines music and education to nurture, develop, and inspire students of all ages. Altogether, Crowden serves an annual audience of 12,000 with a rich array of music classes, workshops, events, and concerts.

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

The Crowden School is seeking a dynamic and skilled Cello and Chamber Music teacher with an understanding of and passion for teaching elementary- and middle school-age students. The Cello Instructor will be responsible for teaching cello classes and coaching small string ensembles of varying experience levels Grades K-8 from beginning up, as assigned by the Artistic Director, appropriate to the needs of musically-minded and inquisitive third through

eighth graders. The successful candidate will demonstrate expertise and enthusiasm for the subject matter, strong classroom management skills, and a willingness to work as part of a team.

The Lower School consists of approximately 5 kindergarten students, 20-25 students in grades 3 – 5, and the Upper School consists of approximately 30 students in grades 6 – 8. Cello classes and ensembles each meet for three periods during the week. Ensembles perform onsite a minimum of three times each year, with additional performance opportunities as scheduled by the Crowden Leadership Team. Currently, Cello Class meets 8:00-8:55am and Ensembles meet 9:00-9:50am Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. The kindergarten cello class will meet Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10:20-11:00am for the duration of one trimester.

This is a 35% time position. In addition to weekly classes, the Cello Instructor is expected to evaluate students and communicate with parents as outlined in the Crowden Faculty Handbook, and to attend faculty and planning meetings, school performances, parent-teacher conferences.

The position will begin in August, 2025.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Design and lead a cello class teach curriculum under the guidance of the Artistic Director.
- Coach ensembles and lead orchestra sectionals as assigned by the Artistic Director.
- Create an inclusive and welcoming classroom environment where each student is celebrated.
- Be attuned to the specific learning needs and social and emotional development of each student.
- Employ age-appropriate classroom management techniques.
- Communicate effectively with students and parents.
- Participate actively in department, grade-level, and faculty meetings as scheduled.
- Supervise children during lunch and/or recess, as assigned.
- Maintain professional standards of conduct, respect, and collegiality.
- Other duties as assigned

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Excellent musicianship and artistry as a cellist, orchestral, chamber musician
- Bachelor's degree in cello performance or a related subject.
- Experience working with elementary- and middle school- age students, and a passion for interacting with students in and outside of the classroom.
- Strong knowledge of developmentally-appropriate cello and string ensemble pedagogy and repertoire.

- A commitment to collaborating with colleagues to build and sustain the school community.
- Excellent communication skills and commitment to keeping parents informed and engaged.
- A sense of humor and a “can-do” attitude.
- Employment dependent on satisfactory completion of background check and TB test.

**FULL-TIME EQUIVALENCY: 35%**

**COMPENSATION: \$26,500 - \$28,000 annual salary.**

**TO APPLY:**

Send cover letter and resume by June 20, 2025 to Eugene Sor [esor@crowden.org](mailto:esor@crowden.org).