



## K-6 Science Teacher

Position: K-6 Science Teacher (part-time)

Start Date: August, 2026 start; (paid) advanced planning meetings required

Status: Regular, part-time, salaried, exempt

### **THE OPPORTUNITY:**

For over 40 years, Crowden has been transforming lives through music and education. We are seeking a dedicated educator to lead our K-6 science program through inquiry-driven exploration within our chamber music inspired educational environment.

The successful candidate will join a vibrant community of students, teachers, and musicians who believe in the power of collaborative learning to shape young minds and build inclusive communities. As a key member of our academic faculty, you will inspire scientific inquiry and thinking while embracing Crowden's unique approach to education that values collaboration, leadership, and individual responsibility. While our academic and music programs operate as distinct areas with specialized faculty, all staff embrace chamber music principles in their approach to teaching and learning.

### **OUR PROGRAM:**

Crowden's science program embodies our mission by creating a dynamic, inclusive learning environment where science concepts are taught with an emphasis on collaboration, paralleling the ensemble model of learning music, promoting:

- Problem-solving through collaborative approaches
- Conceptual understanding using methodology guided by the National Science Teaching Association and scientific practices
- Inquiry-driven exploration and discovery aligned with Next Generation Science Standards
- Critical thinking and analytical reasoning through hands-on investigation
- Connections between abstract concepts and real-world applications
- Community building through shared scientific discovery
- Student agency and responsibility for learning

The ideal candidate possess the following traits:

- Passion for inquiry-driven science and collaborative education
- Deep understanding of child development across elementary years
- Ability to make complex concepts accessible and engaging
- Commitment to equity and inclusion in science education
- Dedication to Crowden's vision of transforming lives through music and education

## **ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

As the K-6 Science teacher, you will:

- Help develop and implement an engaging, inquiry-driven K-6 science curriculum that aligns with Next Generation Science Standards and Crowden's mission
- Design hands-on science learning experiences that foster curiosity, critical thinking, and scientific literacy
- Manage science materials and equipment
- Teach science using curriculum emphasizing collaborative problem-solving, scientific discourse, and conceptual understanding
- Create a classroom environment that embodies the chamber music values of collaboration, leadership, and individual responsibility
- Differentiate instruction to meet diverse learning needs and styles
- Assess student progress through a variety of appropriate methods
- Communicate effectively with students, families, and colleagues about student growth
- Coordinate with grade-level teachers and music faculty to support cross-curricular connections while maintaining appropriate specialization
- Participate actively in faculty meetings, professional development, and school events
- Contribute to a positive school culture that emphasizes growth, creativity, and inclusion

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Required:

- Bachelor's degree in Science, Education, or relevant field
- Teaching credential or equivalent experience
- Minimum 3 years experience teaching science at the elementary or middle school level
- Demonstrated expertise in inquiry-based science instruction and NGSS implementation
- Familiarity with or willingness to learn science curriculum and facilitate collaborative learning approach
- Ability to make complex concepts accessible and engaging
- Strong classroom management and differentiation skills
- Experience with project-based and student-centered learning approaches
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Appreciation for music education (no musical training required)
- Commitment to fostering an inclusive learning community
- Enthusiasm for collaborative teaching practices
- Adaptability and creative problem-solving skills
- Warmth and empathy in student relationships
- Organization and attention to detail

Preferred:

- Master's degree in Science, Education, or related field
- Experience teaching across multiple grade levels
- Experience in collaborative teaching models
- Understanding of how chamber music principles can inform educational practices

**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 innovative science education in a music-rich environment

Full-Time Equivalent: 55%

Compensation: \$41,000 - \$44,000, commensurate with experience

**TO APPLY:**

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

1. Cover letter describing your teaching philosophy, approach to inquiry-driven science instruction, experience with collaborative science teaching, and vision for this role
2. Current resume
3. Three professional references

Send applications to: [LS-Science@crowden.org](mailto:LS-Science@crowden.org). No phone calls, please.

*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.*