

# SHANGHAI AMERICAN SCHOOL

## JOB DESCRIPTION

**TITLE:** VOCAL & MODERN MUSIC TEACHER (POSSIBLY INCLUDING THEATER)  
MIDDLE SCHOOL, PUXI CAMPUS  
**SCALE:** Teacher Salary Scale  
**CONTRACT DAYS:** up to 191

### POSITION SUMMARY:

Middle School students are required to take a full year performing arts course in Grades 6-8 and may choose between Strings Orchestra, Band, Vocal & Modern Music, and Theater. Interest in the Theater program has exceeded capacity, so it is our desire to expand the number of sections offered in this program while maintaining the high quality of the program. Therefore, SAS is seeking candidates who can teach four or five sections of Vocal & Modern Music (required) and one or two sections of Theater (preferred).

The Vocal and Modern Music program begins in grade 6 with an introduction to guitar, keyboard, vocal ensemble, and beginning composition. Students in grade 7 specialize in guitar or piano and continue to develop their composition and vocal skills with a greater emphasis on individual vocals. Grade 8 students continue their instrumental specialization with an emphasis on composition and performance. The culminating project for the program is the production of a class album that is made available on iTunes, Spotify, and other similar platforms. These performances are recorded in our professionally equipped recording studio.

### SUPERVISED, EVALUATED BY & REPORTS TO:

Building Principal

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

**The ideal candidate will have a strong background in teaching vocals, guitar, keyboard, and percussion as well as the potential to teach theater. SAS specifically seeks teachers who are positive, flexible, and open to change; who develop strong relationships with students and their families; who build strong collaborative relationships with colleagues; and who have a continual focus on their own professional learning for the benefit of their students.**

- Minimum Bachelor degree or above.
- Minimum five years teaching experience with at least two years at the middle school level
- Minimum two years as an instrumental & vocal music teacher (experience with both music and Theater preferred)
- Strong commitment to professional collaboration
- Strong experience working collaboratively to design and implement curriculum, instruction, and assessment
- Strong interpersonal skills

### **PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Actively support and promote the school's mission and core values.
- Build and maintain strong relationships with students, parents, and colleagues in support of providing a world class education for every student every day.
- Collaboratively design and implement units of study following the Understanding by Design framework.
- Actively engage students in learning as described in the position summary above in alignment with the SAS Transfer Goals and the National Core Arts Standards.
- Gather evidence of student learning through a variety of methods including performance tasks and use that evidence to determine the next steps for each student's learning.
- Engage students in high quality instructional practices aligned to the SAS Learning Principles.
- Partner with parents to meet the needs of students and to promote the philosophy and goals of the school.
- Actively support the School through participation outside of the primary scope of this position.
- Perform additional duties as assigned by the Principal.

### **SAS BELIEVES:**

- That each employee makes a significant contribution to our success,
- That contributions should not be limited to the assigned responsibilities.

Therefore, this position description is designed to outline primary duties, qualifications and job scope, but not limit the employee nor SAS to only the work identified. It is the expectation of the school that each employee will offer his/her services wherever and whenever necessary to ensure the success of our organization.