

Upper School, Music Instructor and Arts Department Chair (starting Fall 2018)

York School, a small independent college preparatory high school in Monterey, California, is seeking a Music Instructor and Department Chair for the 2018-19 school year.

The Arts at York School

The arts play a vital role in the life of York School. All our students participate at some level, and many are involved in a wide range of arts activities. Students enjoy a variety of music ensembles including choir, chamber choir, band, orchestra, jazz band, and jazz vocal ensemble.. Our theatre program presents three productions each year, including an annual fall musical, and offers a course in technical theatre. In the visual arts we offer courses in 2D drawing, painting, design, 3D art, and digital imaging as well as multiple advanced courses.

All our arts programs are designed to be both accessible to beginning students and challenging for those more advanced. Beginning students often discover in themselves hidden talents. Students with exceptional ability in the arts, who may be considering college and professional work in the field, will find many rich opportunities at York. Our art teachers are very active in their fields and are fully involved in the professional art communities of the Monterey Bay area. Their experiences enhance the curriculum in the classrooms and give real-world vitality to the program.

Specific responsibilities

This position will include a combination of the following opportunities: teaching multiple sections of music, such as vocal ensembles and/or instrumental ensembles; intro to music for grades 8 or 9; composition and theory for advanced students; musical director for the fall musical; leading community outreach and performance trips; planning and supervising art events on campus; leading the Arts Department.. The successful candidate would also benefit from interest and experience in contributing to other aspects of the school's curriculum or co-curricular programs.

Other Responsibilities

- *Providing support for students outside of class time during free periods and tutorials
- *Collaborating and participating actively in the work of the Arts department on best practices and innovative curriculum development, pedagogy, and assessment;
- *Using the school's learning management system;
- *Participating in the Health & Fitness program as an activity supervisor or driver;
- *Attending department and faculty meetings as scheduled;
- *Acting as a PATH advisor to a small group of 10-12 students;
- *Actively participating in the life of the school community

Requirements

York is interested in candidates with a minimum of a bachelor's degree; advanced study and practice are preferable.

Besides helping the school and department meet its mission, the candidate should also have enthusiasm for teaching, experience with high school age students, and a willingness to explore new methodologies and technologies for instruction.

Successful candidates will exhibit the following:

- *A passion for teaching and for interacting with high school level students, in and outside of the classroom;
- *Interest in and experience with interdisciplinary teaching;
- *Computer literacy and proficiency, experience with technology in the classroom, and ability to effectively utilize a learning management system (lms);
- *Comfort with and ability to support and reach a broad range of learners;
- *Embrace of a work environment that values academic rigor, innovation, and creativity;

Salary & Benefits

York is committed to attracting and retaining outstanding faculty by providing a competitive compensation package. This package includes, but is not limited to, salary, excellent health and other benefits, and access to funds for professional development.

Additional Information

Founded in 1959, York School is a college preparatory, coeducational independent day school for grades 8-12. York is a small school with a distinctive campus culture, exceptional faculty, and a rigorous academic program. Located on scenic hillside terrain in California's Monterey Bay area, the school draws students who represent a broad cross-section of ethnic, religious, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds. York's unique school atmosphere respects individuality while fostering an uncommonly strong sense of community. York is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and is a member in good standing of NAIS and CAIS.

Program and Core Values:

We ask our students complex questions and challenge them to solve problems that require precise thinking and working with others. York provides a competitive, varied, and inclusive athletic program that emphasizes teamwork, fitness, and a healthy balance between academics and athletics. All students are invited to explore the worlds of theatre, music, and the visual arts in our extensive arts program. Recognizing the value of commitment to a group endeavor, York requires participation in a music or theatre ensemble or an athletic team.

All members of York's community expect each other to live according to the values of Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, and Compassion. These core values apply equally to individuals and to interactions throughout the school community.

Our educational program—including the PATH advisory program, service learning, and tutorials—is intentionally designed to develop each student's maturity and ability to self-advocate. The York community promotes a “growth mindset,” recognizing that intelligence and ability can increase over time with the application of effort and concentration.

York's community service/service learning program encourages students to identify a social issue or community need, work with an existing nonprofit or create their own activity to address this issue, and share their discoveries with their classmates. We prepare our students to be leaders, meeting local and global challenges with confidence and compassion.

Application Process:

Please send your resume to York School, Sean Raymond, Academic Dean and Assistant Head of School, 9501 York Road, Monterey, CA, 93940, (sean@york.org). The school telephone is 831-372-7338.

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