

Job Title: FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TEACHER

JOB SUMMARY:

Farmington High School seeks a dynamic, motivated, and passionate instrumental music educator to join our growing band program of over 300 students. The successful candidate will direct and assist the overall high school instrumental music program in conjunction with the ISD 192 music staff. The successful candidate will provide students with an opportunity to participate in extracurricular band activities and ensure compliance with all state and district requirements. Candidate will plan activities to achieve district, conference, region, and state recognition.

Knowledge Skills and Ability Required:

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- B.A./B.S degree in teaching from an accredited institution or related field of teaching; candidates with Master's degrees are preferred.
- Proficiency in conducting concert ensembles, as well as electives including, but not limited to, Rock Band and Music Production, Jazz Ensembles, Music Theory, and Marching Band
- Minnesota State certification in teaching in the appropriate subject area (Instrumental Music);
- Demonstrates expertise in knowledge and teaching of music;
- Ability to establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others, and ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing;
- Must have the ability and proven ability to report to work on a regular and punctual basis;
- Knowledge and implementation of relevant technology, including the use of iPads in order to individualize learning (Farmington Area Public Schools is a 1:1 iPad district);
- Ability to work a flexible schedule for extra-curricular events, programs, and performances (additional stipends available for Marching Band and Winter Percussion Ensemble);
- Meet professional teacher education requirements of school, district, and state.

Essential functions of the job may include but are not limited to the following:

- Direct high school instrumental performances including concert band, jazz band, lessons, sectionals, percussion ensemble, and other small ensembles;
- Teach or assist project-based instrumental classes or activities: Rock Band, Music Production, Introduction to Drumming, Intermediate Guitar, GarageBand, Music Theory, Music History, etc;
- Provide for band participation at extracurricular events, including concerts, solo/ensemble contest, pep band appearances, pep fests, and community events;
- Create lessons and learning environments that are appropriate for all students with varying level of skills;
- Assess students' developmental, cognitive, and social needs, and provide developmentally appropriate instruction to meet those needs; establish differentiated instruction and expectations for students;
- Maintain and update accurate and complete records of students' progress and development, as required by laws and district policies; regularly communicate necessary information to students, colleagues, and parents regarding student progress and student needs; prepare required reports on students and activities;
- Work cooperatively with others to maintain an accurate inventory of school-owned instruments; controls the storage and use of school-owned equipment and materials; make adjustments and repairs to instruments, as required;

- Participate in department, school, district, and parent meetings; establish and communicate clear objectives for all learning activities;
- Demonstrate preparation and skill in working with students from diverse cultural, economic, and ability backgrounds;
- Encourage parent and community involvement, obtain information for parents when requested, promptly return phone calls and answer emails;
- Comply with all federal and state laws, State Board of Education rules, MSHSL rules, and Board of Education policies;
- Other duties as assigned.
- Additional extracurricular stipends available including - but not limited to - Marching Band, Winter Percussion Ensemble, etc.

Physical Requirements

Regularly required to sit, stand, walk, talk, hear, operate a computer/handheld learning devices and other office equipment, reach with hands and arms, and must occasionally lift and/or move up to 20 pounds.

About Farmington High School Bands

The Farmington High School Band Program is a comprehensive instrumental music education program serving over 300 students in the Farmington Area Public Schools. Comprising four curricular concert bands, four curricular jazz ensembles, a competitive field marching band, pep band, solo/ensemble contest, winter percussion, and many other small ensembles, FHS band students collaborate with professional conductors, composers, and college ensembles on a regular basis.

The concert ensembles are the nucleus of Farmington High School's band program. Based on grade level and/or audition results, FHS students participate in Varsity Band (9th grade), Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble. The FHS Concert Bands are top-tier ensembles that qualify several students each year for prestigious programs like the Minnesota All-State Band and Orchestra program.

The jazz program is a hallmark of FHS and the greater Farmington community - the largest curricular jazz program in Minnesota. FHS jazz ensembles have been selected for the most prestigious performances, including appearances at the Minnesota Music Educators Midwinter Clinic and Carnegie Hall. As a curricular class, Jazz Bands meet daily throughout the school year. The jazz ensembles perform in four formal concerts annually, participate in regional festivals, and play regularly for community and social events.

The Farmington Tiger Marching Band has been a staple of football games and area parades for decades, but also began competing in field marching festivals in 2014. After only three years of competition, the Farmington Tiger Marching Band took 4th Place in the 2016 Minnesota Class A Marching Band Championships. By 2019, the Marching Band had risen to the rank of 2nd Place in Class AA, and in 2021, they were the Class AA State Champions. In the winter season, the FHS Pep Band is one of the most exciting groups around, playing regularly for varsity hockey and basketball teams.

In the fall of 2020, Farmington High School introduced its first project-based instrumental music courses, two sections of Rock Band, an exploratory music course for students interested in guitar, bass, drums, keyboards, and vocal. This course is open to all students, regardless of prior musical experience.

The FHS Bands are directed by Erin Holmes, who has been teaching instrumental music in the Farmington School District since 2000. To learn more about the FHS Bands, visit their website at <http://www.farmingtontigerbands.org>