



Musical Director Performance Expert

Common Expectations

GUHSD

Performance Expert Position Explanation

The purpose of a Performance Expert is to assist Visual and Performing Arts programs. This position is hired on a part-time, short-term hourly basis.

Performance Experts are not required to be college students nor Paraeducator Proficient but will go through standard GUHSD Hiring procedures. Before the Performance Expert can begin work, they must complete the new hire paperwork packet, and online-required courses, obtain a TB test, and fingerprint clearance, and receive their official badge from HR.

Musical Director Description

At its core, the music director's job is to understand how songs and music serve a show's story, setting, drama, and emotional context, and to bring out those critical elements in high-quality and consistent performances. As a member of the show's central creative team—alongside the stage director, composer, librettist, and choreographer—the music director is hard at work from the very beginning of the production process: developing an overall vision for the production's music, leading the musical aspects of the audition process, helping cast actors and singers, and selecting and hiring pit orchestra musicians—possibly with the help of a music contractor.

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1. Work with the director to schedule music rehearsals for the cast and orchestra
2. Assist in the casting process, as needed.
3. Work with vocalists and instrumentalists to shape and blend their sound, create a shared sense of ensemble, and develop a unique musical interpretation.
4. Emphasize vocal health and injury prevention for singers
5. The music director is also likely to consult with the show's sound designer on technical aspects of the performance.
6. Duties may include leading warm-ups before each show, conducting the orchestra in performance, and holding occasional rehearsals to maintain consistency
7. Communicate effectively with school staff, students, and parents.
8. Work cooperatively with the director and students.

WORK SCHEDULE

The schedule will vary by site and funding of the position.

PERFORMANCE EXPERT SALARY -- Sites will recommend pay, HR will approve.