

# Chorus - Grades 5 & 6

TITLE: CEMS Chorus - Grades 5 & 6

## QUALIFICATIONS:

- I. Hold a valid State of Maine Criminal History Records Check Approval.
- II. Must be organized, have the ability to multitask, be strong in classroom management, and have strong music skills.

REPORTS TO: Building Principal or Assistant Principal

SUPERVISES: Supervises up to 20 students during approximately 100 rehearsals, four days a week, (7:00 am to 7:45 am, Tuesday- Friday mornings). Approximately 40 fifth and sixth grade students participate in our choral program.

## JOB GOAL:

The goal of the choral program is to provide an opportunity for students to:

- I. Learn to sing with good vocal technique (examples would include correct posture, awareness of vocal registers, ability to use them, breath support, diction, etc.).
- II. Musical skills: Music literacy (reading pitches and rhythms) following a choral score, matching pitch patterns, singing in harmony, keeping steady beat, singing in tune.
- III. Gain a wide variety of musical experiences through quality musical literature of various time periods, composers, genres, and style.
- IV. Establish basic musicianship skills that are required to participate in any musical ensemble such as: rules of etiquette, rehearsal practices, part singing, performance expectations, collaboration and cooperation.
- V. Build skills and understanding of choral traditions and techniques such as music literacy, listening skills, singing in different languages, following a conductor, standard repertoire, historical/cultural origins and traditions of the music.
- VI. Provide an outlet for musical expression.
- VII. Provide an opportunity to perform for peers and the public.
- VIII. Contribute to the community by performing for seniors (Village Crossing), parents/guardians and students at concerts, and the general public (Portland Pirates Game).
- IX. Provide choral enrichment opportunities beyond Cape Elizabeth Middle School (Southern Maine Honors Festival).

## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Prepare for between 4-6 evening performances per year.
- Accompany students to sing the National Anthem at a Portland Pirates Game/Organize the trip.
- Accompany students at the Middle School Honors Festival auditions which take place after school.

- Attend the Honors Festival with students which includes a Saturday.
- Work with kids outside of class to prepare for the festival.
- Outside of class this position also requires a great deal of preparation, searching for and preparing music for performances and also working with accompanists.

#### TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Twelve months per year with compensation in accordance with the fee structure of the negotiated Cape Elizabeth Education Association agreement.

#### EVALUATION:

The basis of the evaluation will be the extent to which the performance responsibilities of the job are successfully handled and the extent to which yearly action plans and job goals are met. The building principal or assistant principal will perform the evaluation.

#### NOTE:

The above job description reflects the general requirements necessary to describe the principal functions or responsibilities of the job identified and shall not be interpreted as a detailed description of all work requirements that may be inherent in the job, either at present or in the future.

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