

Music Teacher

Part-Time (with Full-Time Potential)

Cobb School Montessori | Simsbury, Connecticut

About Cobb School Montessori

Cobb School Montessori is an independent, nonprofit school serving children from toddler through sixth grade in the Farmington Valley. Rooted in authentic Montessori practice, Cobb empowers children to discover their individual and collective potential through independence, academic excellence, compassion, collaboration, and a love of learning.

Our community is grounded in respect, curiosity, and a deep belief in the dignity and potential of every child. We are committed to fostering a culture of belonging and partnership with families, and to preparing children to engage thoughtfully and responsibly in an interconnected world.

Position Overview

We are seeking an effective, warm, and energetic Music Teacher to lead and nurture a comprehensive music program. The ideal candidate will inspire students through performance and collaboration, while encouraging their discovery of a love of music in support of the school's mission and community.

This position is built around 8-10 hours per week of music instruction for our elementary students (grades 1–6), with meaningful opportunities to grow the role further, including music offerings for our toddler and primary children, after-school music clubs, and parent-and-child music classes. Candidates open to taking on a floater role within the school have the opportunity to expand this position into a full-time role.

We are committed to building a strong, vibrant music program across the whole school, from our toddler community through our elementary classrooms, and this teacher will play a central role in shaping what that program becomes.

We welcome both experienced Orff-Schulwerk practitioners and candidates willing to train in the approach.

Core Responsibilities

- Plan and teach engaging, developmentally appropriate music lessons for elementary students in grades 1–6 (10 hours/week, the core of this role), within our mixed-age Montessori classrooms.
- Foster a love of music through singing, movement, rhythm, instruments, and listening activities suited to each age group.

- Build and grow a cohesive music program across the school, from toddlers through grade 6.
- Create lesson plans that incorporate exposure, experiences, and appreciation of music from around the world and historic perspectives.
- Support students with the reading music and composition.
- Create a classroom environment that is joyful, inclusive, and encourages active participation.
- Collaborate with classroom teachers and school leadership to integrate music meaningfully into the broader school experience.
- Lead preparation for school performances throughout the year, including the Elementary Opera, Grandparents Day, and Recognition Day.
- Collaborate with classroom guides on timelines and rehearsal schedules.

Montessori Music Curriculum & Performances

Music lessons are designed to complement our Montessori approach, respecting each child's developmental stage and supporting agency, independence, concentration, and joyful exploration within our mixed-age classrooms. Lessons are adapted to mixed-age groupings, allowing younger and older students to learn alongside one another.

Qualifications

- Experience teaching music to children; elementary and/or early childhood experience.
- Degree or background in Music Education is preferred.
- Training or certification in Orff-Schulwerk preferred, or a genuine willingness to train in the approach.
- Familiarity with Montessori philosophy preferred, or a genuine willingness to learn and integrate Montessori practices into music instruction.
- Strong organization and classroom management skills with a nurturing and flexible teaching style.
- Comfort working across a range of ages, from toddlers through grade 6.
- Strong communication and collaboration skills with colleagues and families.

How to Apply

Interested candidates should submit a resume and a brief cover letter describing their experience with music education and, if applicable, their familiarity with Montessori, Orff-Schulwerk, or other musical pedagogy. Email subha.sankaran@cobbschool.com.