

**School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties**  
**Job Description**  
**JOB TITLE: Theater Arts Instructor - Elementary**

**POSITION:** Theater Arts Instructor – Elementary  
**SALARY:** District Teacher Salary Schedule /Grant Funded  
**DAYS OF WORK:** 190 days

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF JOB**

The Theater Arts Instructor will be responsible for designing, planning, and implementing effective lessons based on the South Carolina curriculum for students. This position will also assist with creating a learning environment focus on building student confidence in theater arts and dance.

This position requires both a Dance and Theater Arts Degree and Certification in the State of South Carolina. The position, although full time, is teaching Dance for ½ of a year and Theater for ½ of a year to grades Pre-Kindergarten through 5th.

**SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

- Create a classroom that provides a welcoming, nurturing and stimulating environment appropriate to the intellectual and emotional development of students.
- Develop and implement lesson plans that follow the curriculum and teach the Standard Course of Study for the State of South Carolina with regards to Dance Education and Theater Education.
- Design, plan, and implement effective dance and theater instruction.
- Teach students dance and theater technique so that they are able to proficiently apply them at a difficulty level that is consistent with the years of instruction they have received.
- Teach students dance and theater appreciation by exposing them to a variety of dance and theater forms from various cultures.
- Expose students to the rich history behind dance and theater by teaching them about the lives of famous dancers and actors from different eras and different dance and theater genres.
- Teach students the connection between dance/theater and social trends and customs.
- Teach students to identify the various types of dance and theater concepts associated with the different eras in our society.
- Teach students the relationship between a musician’s instrument and a dancer’s/actor’s body and the importance of caring for their “instrument”.
- Be proficient in the use of technology with regards to dance and theater.
- Design lessons that integrate traditional core subjects with dance and theater.
- Meet and collaborate with classroom teachers on how to successfully integrate dance and theater into the regular education curriculum.
- Meet with the other Related Arts Teachers to plan and prepare for a minimum of 2 school-wide productions.
- Incorporate dance and theater into said productions.
- Help students understand the relationship between dance and theater and traditional core subjects.
- On an ongoing basis, design and implement effective assessments, based on objective measures to determine student progress and proficiency in dance and theater.

- Facilitate the development of individual student portfolios that showcase their work. Portfolios may consist of students performing different dances to different types of music, while displaying various dance techniques. Portfolios in theater may consist of students performing different theatrical scenes or monologues while incorporating various theater concepts.
- Communicate with the Principal regarding students, parents, lesson plans, curriculum, needed materials, extracurricular activities, field experiences and any other concerns.
- Be able to perform the essential functions of the job with regards to being a dance/theater educator.
- Follow the educator's code of ethics and code of conduct and behave professionally, ethically, and responsibly.
- Comply with all school policies and procedures, and state regulations and policies for classroom teachers.
- Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

#### **MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

- Must have appropriate SC Teacher Licensure/Certification in the areas of Dance and Theatre.

#### **KNOWLEDGE:**

Knowledge of the policies, procedures and activities of the school district which pertain to the specific duties and responsibilities of the position. Knowledge in the methods for developing lesson plans and materials, and classroom activities which stimulate learning. Knowledge of the records, forms and reports which must be prepared and maintained. Knowledge of proper maintenance of equipment, materials and supplies used in daily activities. Knowledge of training methods used in teaching concepts and skills of Music Education to classroom students. Knowledge of counseling methods necessary for handling student academic and adjustment problems. Knowledge of the materials and information which must be prepared for classroom instructional activities.

#### **SKILLS/EFFORT:**

Ability to provide instruction to students through explanation, demonstration and/or supervised practice. Ability to supervise students and maintain order in various classroom and instructional activities and situations. Ability to operate general office equipment and musical instruments in the performance of daily activities. Ability to prepare lesson plans, tests, and instructional materials for classroom activities. Ability to identify student adjustment and/or academic problems, provide counseling and/or recommend appropriate remedial action to parents. Ability to communicate effectively with students and their parents, district staff, and all other groups involved in the activities of the job.

#### **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

Conducts duties in a classroom environment with no significant exposure to environmental conditions. Exposure to environmental conditions such as heat, cold, humidity, noise, dusts and wetness when conducting duties outdoors, i.e. recess, bus duty, etc. Requires ability to work under a degree of stress related to duties that require constant attention and working with students. Physical demands are restricted to classroom work requiring occasional lifting/moving of items weighing up to fifty pounds. Occasional local travel is required; no overnight travel required. Job requires the operation of general office equipment.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Responsible for classroom equipment, materials and supplies budget. Supervises students in classroom situations.