

The School District of Jenkintown

Educating the Children of Jenkintown Since 1874.

Secondary Choir & Upper Elementary Music Teacher ***Inspiring Creativity. Building Community. Empowering Student Voice.***

The School District of Jenkintown is seeking an innovative, student-centered, and collaborative music educator to join our award-winning music department beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

We are looking for an educator who is passionate about helping students develop musical skills, artistic confidence, creativity, and a lifelong appreciation for music. The successful candidate will foster meaningful musical experiences through engaging instruction, performance opportunities, and strong partnerships with students, families, and colleagues.

Why Jenkintown?

At Jenkintown, music is more than a course. It is an essential part of our school culture and community identity. Students are encouraged to explore, create, perform, and develop confidence through meaningful artistic experiences. Our concerts, theatrical productions, festivals, and community performances are well attended and deeply valued by families and community members.

As a small district, educators have the unique opportunity to know their students well, collaborate across grade levels, and make a lasting impact on the direction of programs. We are committed to supporting innovative ideas, celebrating student achievement, and ensuring that the arts remain a vibrant part of every student's educational experience. This position offers the opportunity to join a collaborative and highly respected music department while helping to shape the next chapter of performing arts education in Jenkintown.

Position Overview

This full-time position includes secondary choral instruction and upper elementary general music responsibilities. The successful candidate will play an important role in supporting and expanding opportunities for student participation, performance, leadership, and artistic expression across the district. Responsibilities may include:

- Directing junior and senior high school choral ensembles.
- Supporting or advising additional vocal ensembles, including treble, bass, and elementary choir programs.
- Teaching upper elementary general music courses.
- Collaborating with colleagues to strengthen and advance the district's K-12 music program.

Anticipated Start Date:

Full-time contracted position beginning at the start of the 2026-2027 school year on August 24, 2026.

Key Responsibilities:

- Deliver engaging and developmentally appropriate music instruction aligned with district curriculum and Pennsylvania Academic Standards.
- Foster student growth in music literacy, performance skills, creativity, artistic expression, and appreciation of music.
- Direct and support choral ensembles and student performances as assigned.
- Collaborate closely with members of the music department to support a cohesive K-12 music program, coordinate performances, and provide meaningful musical experiences for students.
- Assess student learning and use data to inform instruction and support student growth.
- Participate in school events, performances, professional learning, and departmental initiatives.
- Contribute to a positive, inclusive, and supportive learning environment that encourages all students to participate and succeed.

Qualifications:

- Valid Pennsylvania Instructional I or II certification in Music K-12 required.
- Knowledge of vocal music, general music pedagogy, and performance-based instruction.
- Experience working with upper elementary and/or secondary students preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to collaborate effectively with colleagues, students, families, and community partners.

Salary and Benefits:

- We offer a competitive salary and benefits package which will consider experience, education and certification.
- Supportive professional environment committed to innovation, collaboration, and continuous growth.

Additional Leadership Opportunities:

The district values educators who are eager to expand opportunities for student participation, performance, leadership, and artistic expression. Candidates with experience or interest in the following areas are encouraged to indicate this in their application materials. Additional stipend positions may be available based on district needs and candidate qualifications.

- Directing or supporting middle school and high school theatrical productions.
- Advising specialty vocal ensembles, including auditioned choral groups and elementary choir programs.
- Coordinating student participation in adjudication festivals, competitions, and performance trips.
- Assisting with music and theater fundraising initiatives.
- Supporting inclusive performing arts experiences that provide opportunities for all students to participate, develop confidence, express creativity, and contribute to the success of a production.
- Participating in regional arts organizations, performance critiques, and collaborative opportunities that enhance student learning and program visibility.

How to Apply:

- Interested candidates should submit the following application materials to Mr. Steven Van Mater, Director of Human Resources & Curriculum, at hr@jtowndrakes.org by **Wednesday, June 24, 2026**.
 - Cover letter and resume
 - Three letters of recommendation
 - Copy of Pennsylvania certification(s) and transcripts
 - Current Act 34 (Criminal History), 151 (Child Abuse), 114 (FBI) clearances.
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

*The School District of Jenkintown is committed to a culture of inclusivity and belonging.
We are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive workplace and fostering an environment where all students and staff can thrive.
We value diversity in backgrounds and experiences and are proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

