



# SPA

**Contra Costa School of  
Performing Arts**

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**Job Title:** Arts Teacher  
**Category:** Certificated  
**Work Year:** 188 Days  
**Supervisor:** Principal or Designee

### *About SPA*

The Contra Costa School of Performing Arts (“SPA”) is a tuition free, public, independent charter school located in Walnut Creek, CA. Founded in 2015 and opening doors to our first students in 2016, the school now serves grades 6-12. The mission of Contra Costa School of Performing Arts is to provide a distinguished, pre-professional experience in performing arts within a college and career preparatory setting. We believe in fostering a culture of excellence with the core values of rigor, relevance, resilience, and relationships.

### *Role Summary*

The position of Arts Teacher is tasked with creation, management, and implementation of curriculum and instruction designed to support students in achieving mastery of standards based content as well as the skills enumerated in the SPA graduate profile.

### *Key Responsibilities*

- Engage and support students in standards-based instruction and learning
- Create and maintain effective environments for student learning
- Use a variety of appropriate teaching strategies
- Support and consistently enforce school policies
- Assess student learning and provide instruction that meets their academic needs
- Continue developing as a professional educator through self-selected and SPA professional development
- Provide proper supervision of students during the assigned workday
- Plan and prescribe purposeful assignments for paraprofessionals, tutors, and/or volunteers as needed
- Communicate with parents/guardians regarding student progress
- Promote positive interpersonal relationships among peers, staff, students, parents/guardians, and the larger SPA community
- Actively participate as a team member in the special education process as needed
- Recognize learning needs and make appropriate referrals
- Plan and implement a program of study to meet individual needs of students
- Create and maintain a safe and healthy environment for student learning
- Network with other arts professionals and educators in an effort to diversify and bolster SPA’s programs
- Perform other duties as assigned

- Knowledge of:
  - State and national standards, curriculum, and assessments
  - Researched based instructional techniques for implementation of SPA's curriculum
  - Intellectual, emotional, and social development of students
  - Educational technology applications
  - Data analysis to plan instruction
- Ability to:
  - Work with a variety of instructional groups in student-centered classroom
  - Use data and assessment to plan and implement instruction
  - Communicate clearly with staff, students and parents
  - Work collaboratively with peers, students and parents
  - Develop effective conflict resolution strategies
  - Provide a positive school climate

### *Qualifications*

- Minimum Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university
- Valid, appropriate California Teaching Credential
- Track-record of high achievement in the classroom and commitment to accountability
- Experience in and knowledge of professional arts industry highly desirable