



## Early Childhood Music Specialist

### Overview of Position

Barrow Street Nursery School seeks a **Part-Time Early Childhood Music Specialist** for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Students are between the ages of 18 months and 5 years old at the start of the school year in September. The Music Specialist maintains a 2 or 3 day per week schedule, teaching 20 to 30 minute music classes for all students.

Teachers at Barrow Street are practitioners of progressive education within the context of a social studies based program and a mission driven school derived from a Reggio Emilia and Bank Street pedagogy.

### The Music Specialist is responsible for:

- Creating and implementing a developmentally appropriate music curriculum
- Creating clear routines and structures to manage music classes; Responding and adapting to the varied needs of students in an emotionally responsive way
- Maintaining regular communication with administrators and classroom teachers about curriculum and the progress of classroom groups and individuals
- Meeting with colleagues and administrators to plan, discuss students and supports, reflect on teaching practices, and give/receive feedback
- Actively observing and documenting student learning experiences through occasional written portfolio pieces and contributing to student narrative reports mid-year
- Engaging in ongoing professional growth, cultural competency, and self-reflective practice

### Qualifications sought

We seek a talented music teacher who can inspire students, be inspired by our mission, and create a music program that encourages and promotes self-expression and social growth as well as a love for music. Cultural competence, willingness and ability to work collaboratively, and excellent communication skills are essential.

Successful Barrow teachers are reflective about their practice and avail themselves of professional development and leadership opportunities.

- Demonstrated experience in teaching early childhood music required
- Bachelor's degree, Master's degree, or equivalent experience preferred
- Extensive training and experience in a music-based modality, like playing an instrument, singing, or similar
- Must demonstrate an understanding of basic music concepts and be able to communicate those concepts in a developmentally appropriate manner with toddlers and preschoolers
- Working history demonstrating flexibility, creativity, initiative and collaboration
- Demonstrated history of being a lifelong learner who continues their own growth through professional development

### To Apply:

- Send a resume and cover letter to Stephanie Roer, Director of Students and Operational Initiatives, [sroer@barrowstreetnursery.org](mailto:sroer@barrowstreetnursery.org)
- Include a documentation or writing sample (if available)
- In the body of your email, please indicate where you found this listing

## **Compensation**

- \$30,000 - \$50,000 annual salary, commensurate with experience and weekly schedule.
- Additional salary can be earned by working our summer program (9:00 - 1:00 for 3 weeks in June and 3 weeks in July) if interested (not mandatory)
- Barrow Street also has a strong emphasis on professional development endeavors for teachers and allocates generous funds for conferences, graduate level classes, skills training, and travel experiences that support personal and professional growth.

For further information about Barrow Street's history, mission and program, please visit and read our website at [www.barrowstreetnurseryschool.org](http://www.barrowstreetnurseryschool.org).