

**CHIPPEWAS OF THE THAMES FIRST NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**MUSIC AND INTEGRATED ARTS TEACHER**

The Chippewas of the Thames First Nation Board of Education are accepting resumes for one Music and Integrated Arts Teacher position until **MAY 31, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.**

**BACKGROUND**

We are the Anishinaabeg of the territory of Deshkan Ziibiing, also known as Chippewas of the Thames First Nation. We call ourselves Anishinabek which means the original people. We are known as the Ojibway, who are a Nation of the Algonquin language family who originally migrated to the Great Lakes area from the north-eastern region of North America. Our political alliances are with the Odawa (Ottawa) and Bodaywadami (Pottawatomi) who together form the Three Fires Confederacy.

Chippewas is a forward thinking nation with a strong grasp of our traditional values. Through culture, heritage and continued education we are working towards a better future and towards being a self-governing First Nation. As a result, in alignment with our Comprehensive Community Plan (2012), we are initiating an Ojibwe Immersion program in September, 2018 in our Primary classes. Our staff is a mix of native and non-native members who are beginning to work on starting or upgrading our language skills.

We have a modern air-conditioned school with a full-sized double-gym and outdoor track, as well as a full cafeteria and a new Library. Class sizes are small and well stocked with current resources, a Smart Board and ample access to current technology. Special Education support is excellent.

**SUMMARY OF POSITION**

We wish to have a Music teacher with breadth in other arts (visual arts, dance and drama) to teach choral music in Primary classes and offer a range of arts in Junior/Intermediate in collaboration with our Teacher-Librarian and Physical Education/Health teacher. This is an innovative position where collaborating with staff and accessing supporting artists in residents are priorities.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Demonstrate the capacity to develop arts programming that is both multicultural and respectful and supportive of Indigenous language, culture, and traditions.
- Provide exemplary choral teaching daily in Primary classes (JK to 3).
- Provide innovative units of study in the arts in collaboration with the Teacher-Librarian and the Physical Education/Health teacher.
- Access local and regional talent to work as guest artists or artists-in-residence in collaboration with the Principal.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- An Ontario Teacher's Certificate.
- Will have at least one year experience teaching the Music and the Arts in a structured program.
- Must demonstrate experience in an elementary school setting.
- Must have general knowledge of the educational system, learning techniques, socialization processes, attitudes, values, aspirations and expectations of Chippewas of the Thames First Nation.
- Must have the ability to work as part of a team to establish and maintain effective communication with teaching staff and students.

- Classroom experience is essential.
- Bachelor of Music and Education or equivalent
- Provision of a current Vulnerable Sector Police Check
- Demonstrated skills in piano and/or guitar

### **ASSETS**

- Ability to play other instruments (winds, strings, percussion, Indigenous instruments)
- Past experience in First Nations' settings and general knowledge of First Nations' perspectives
- Capacity to speak in Ojibwe

### **DUTIES**

Under the general supervision of the Principal, the Music and Integrated Arts Teacher will perform the duties as per job description, some listed below:

1. Develop a yearly plan for activities and skills to be taught for each of the appropriate grade levels in Music and the Arts;
2. Provide a minimum of 150 minutes per week, per grade, of Music or Arts instruction;
3. Co-ordinate with the Teachers, the integration of Music and Arts curriculum for school;
4. Develop all materials as required for classroom use;
5. Report to the Principal with completed outlines and requests for community volunteers;
6. Integrate the Music and Arts throughout the school;
7. Develop lesson plans and classroom exercises;
8. Utilizes a variety of instructional techniques appropriate to the students;
9. Provides instruction at levels appropriate to the students;

*A detailed job description is available upon request.*

### **INTEREST APPLICANTS:**

**Must submit your resume, photocopy of educational qualifications, covering letter, two work-related reference letters, one personal reference letter, and /or any other support documentation in a sealed envelope addressed "MUSIC TEACHER" to the attention of:**

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*Only the successful Applicants granted an interview will be contacted.*