



TITLE	CLASSIFICATION	SALARY GRADE/ASSIGNMENT
ACCOMPANIST/COACH	CLASSIFIED	GRADE: N MONTHS:
BOARD POLICY REFERENCE: 1999 CLASSIFICATION STUDY		Board Approved: 4/00

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Under general supervision, play one or more musical instruments at a professional level, including piano, organ, harpsichord, or electronic keyboard; prepare and play accompaniments for choral groups and vocal and instrumental soloists for rehearsals and public performances; coach vocal and instrumental students in musical interpretation; assist with section rehearsals; and perform related work as required.

SCOPE:

The Accompanist/Coach position requires incumbents to specialize and demonstrate expertise in musical performance of one or more instruments. The position assumes a high degree of independence, initiative, and interaction with students and faculty.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Examples of key duties are interpreted as being descriptive and not restrictive in nature.

1. Prepares and performs accompaniments for rehearsals and public performances.
2. Assists vocal and instrumental students in musical interpretation.
3. Reads materials at sight, plays from an open score and transposes scores as needed.
4. Tapes and records accompaniments and/or individual parts for use at student rehearsals.
5. Improvises accompaniments from lead sheets.
6. Maintains a weekly sign-up sheet that students may use to schedule individual rehearsals.
7. Administers and proctors examinations in class as required by an instructor.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

ABILITY TO:

Play accompaniments on piano, organ, harpsichord, or electronic keyboard in rehearsal and performance for musical groups and soloists; follow a conductor and/or soloist; play classical, semi-classical, and modern music; arrange and improvise accompaniments; sight read musical selections; play from open score; transpose simple musical arrangements; assist students with language preparation and interpretation; maintain cooperative working relationships; demonstrate sensitivity to, and respect for a diverse population; follow and give oral and written directions; travel as needed.

KNOWLEDGE OF:

Basic musical theory, including harmony and notation; piano technique and literature; choral repertoire, including classical, semi-classical, and modern music; reading a musical score, both whole and in parts; International Phonetic Alphabet; English, Italian, German and French languages with enough proficiency to play from an open score or to improvise accompaniments.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education:

Bachelor's degree in music and/or professional level ability to play the piano, organ, harpsichord, or electronic keyboard.

Experience:

Two years experience giving public performances.

Specialized training accompanying choral groups, and vocal and instrumental soloists preferred.

LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE:

This classification requires the use of a personal or District vehicle while conducting District business. Must possess a valid (Class C) California driver's license and an acceptable driving record.