



Seeking a part time assistant piano instructor to help teach 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in large group piano classes. These classes take place during school hours at two McDowell County public elementary schools: [Old Fort Elementary](#), and [North Cove Elementary](#). (Follow links for maps/addresses)

Classes are held Mondays and Tuesdays at Old Fort Elementary, and Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at North Cove Elementary. Due to gaps in the schedule, it should be possible to only work some of these classes. Applicants will still be considered even if only one of these days works.

Schedule for Old Fort Elementary

Monday/Tuesday

9:05-9:30 - 4th grade A*

9:30-10:15 - break

10:15-10:45 - 3rd grade A

10:45-11:40 - break

11:40-12:10 - 3rd grade B

12:10-12:40 - 3rd grade C

12:40-1:05 - 4th grade B

1:05-1:30 - 4th grade C

Schedule for North Cove Elementary

Wednesday/Thursday

9:55-10:25 - 5th grade B

10:25-10:55 - 5th grade A

10:55-12:50 - break

12:50-1:20 - 4th grade A

1:20-1:50 - 3rd grade A

1:50-2:20 - 3rd grade B*

Friday

1:20-2:20 - 4th grade B

Requirements

Applicants should have a solid background in basic piano, at a minimum, and have a solid ability to read basic music.

Teaching experience is a plus, but not a requirement, but a strong interest in teaching is definitely very important. Experience in group/classroom teaching is also a plus, but not required.

If the teacher resides in the general area, there might be opportunities to pick up private piano students as a number of families are interested in private instruction. That is out of the scope of this program, so it would be between the assistant teacher and the parents.

Applicants must also possess a curiosity for new teaching methods and an interest in pedagogical experimentation. This is a pilot program, still in its trial phase, and new curriculum is regularly introduced and existing curriculum modified.

Compensation

To be decided based on funding and applicant experience.

This new program has expanded fairly quickly in just over a year, so there is potential that an assistant teacher might eventually be offered a lead teaching role.

Contact

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To learn more and see the program in action, visit <https://nathanshirley.com/crescendo/>

