

Dandylyon Drama 2026-2027 Residencies

Music Director in Residence - Dandylyon Drama

Position Type

Part-Time Residency Contract aligned with School Year (September- June)

About Dandylyon Drama

Dandylyon Drama's Mission Is To Grow More Creative, Compassionate, And Courageous People Through Quality And Accessible Performing Arts Education.

We are seeking passionate, collaborative, and growth-oriented Teaching Artists to join our new Teaching Artist Residency Program.

This residency is designed for educators and artists who are excited to grow with our organization over the course of a full school year while helping shape meaningful arts experiences for students in elementary and sometimes middle school.

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Applicants should submit a Cover Letter and Resume **no later than August 21st, 2026** to melani@dandylyondrama.org

Interview Process

First round interviews will be held virtually on or before August 21st based on mutual availability.

Our Goal

We are building a long-term, sustainable community of highly trained teaching artists who care deeply about students, collaboration, creativity, and accessible arts education.

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This residency program is designed to support both our artists and our growing school partnerships while creating stronger consistency and community across all Dandylyon Drama programs.

What We're Looking For

We are seeking Teaching Artists who are:

- Aligned with Dandylyon Drama's values and mission
- Passionate about arts education and youth development
- Enjoy working with a wide range of kids, ages 6 to 16
- Collaborative, communicative, and dependable
- Interested in professional and personal growth
- Excited to contribute their own artistic voice and teaching experience
- Able to commit to a 9-month residency contract
- Pass a Background Check, Get CPR/1st Aid Certified, & Provide References

Experience in *any* of the following is especially welcomed:

- Classroom, camp, or group leadership
- Vocal pedagogy or choral conducting
- Instrumentalist, musicianship experience

Residency Benefits

Teaching Artists in Residence receive:

- Dependable work throughout the school year
- Paid training and professional development
- Mentorship and feedback opportunities
- Supportive Teaching Artist community
- Opportunities for pay increases tied to training completion
- Access to earn a Dandylyon Teaching Artist Certificate

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- 1:1 and small group coaching opportunities
- Official Dandylyon Drama Teaching Artist badge and educator resources

Compensation

We are hiring Emerging and Established Teaching Artists. Pay rates will be determined by Dandylyon Drama based on your education, demonstrated skill, and years of experience.

Creators Starting Pay Rates: \$23-\$26/hour

Performers Starting Pay Rates: \$28-\$30/hour

Opportunities will be available for quarterly raises through professional development and returning residency participation.

“Music Director” Resident Teaching Artist

- 1 Production per Quarter, 2-3 Afternoons per Week
- 1 Tech Week and Performance Weekend per quarter
- Starting pay rate \$28-\$30 an hour, 6-9 hours a week
- 9 month Contract ranges between \$6,000-\$8,500

“Performers” Creative Team Residencies

Dandylyon Drama is offering Residency positions, including:

- Director Residencies- FULL
- Music Director Residencies
- Choreographer Residencies- FULL
- Stage Manager Residencies- FULL

As part of our “Performers” Creative Teams, you’ll create an intentionally educational environment that allows students to step into a professional production without losing their love for creativity. Collaborate with team members to produce a 1 hour production of a beloved musical or play with music. Typically the same show at 3 different elementary schools.

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Residencies provide consistent teaching opportunities across the school year and include training, mentorship, curriculum collaboration, and community-building opportunities.

Creative Teams in Residence will:

- Be guaranteed 2 afternoons per week throughout the school year
- Potentially be offered more opportunities as part of our Teaching Artist Roster
- Collaborate with fellow teaching artists and creative teams
- Participate in producing 2-3 musicals per year
- Participate in trainings, feedback sessions, and professional growth opportunities
- Help shape and refine Dandylyon Drama curriculum and programming
- Contribute ideas, creativity, and leadership to our growing organization