



Seeking Children's Band Instructors
Brass (trumpet, trombone, euphonium)
Woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone)

Effective Date: July 31, 2026

Organization: Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society
Background: <https://vems.ca/about/>
Locations: Vancouver West Side, West End and East Side
Start Date: Week of September 20, 2026
Job Title: Beginner Band Instructor

Description:

VEMS is seeking brass and woodwind Band Instructors for the 2026-2027 school year. The band sessions occur after school at different Vancouver elementary schools. Each session has a brass and a woodwind specialist.

Objective:

The children taking this program are expected to have no previous musical experience ranging from grades 4 to 7. The goal for the Instructor is to create a safe, fun environment in which the kids' skills can start and grow.

Rate per Rehearsal: \$84

Responsibilities:

- Teach instrument set up and care to completely novice students
- Run weekly rehearsals with another instructor
- Take attendance and follow up with parents on absences
- Plan and program concerts/demonstrations for parents
- Liaise with the Parent Coordinator/Volunteer and VEMS management
- Communicate via e-mail to parents regarding performances
- Follow all public health and safety guidelines
- Ensure children are safe, particularly at the end of rehearsal
- Ensure children have a positive experience learning something new and challenging
- Punctual
- Attend Fall instructor training session (September 19, 2026)

Qualifications

- A bachelor's degree in music or in the process of acquiring said degree
- Must be able to read music
- Must be able to demonstrate/play the instruments in their area. See <https://www.vems.ca/2025/06/30/beginner-band-faqs/>
- Criminal background check (VEMS staff will provide information on how to obtain)
- Enjoys working with Elementary aged children.

Instructor Abilities

- Instrument Proficiency: In some or all of woodwinds and/or brass
- Familiar with age and skill appropriate books and repertoire
- Music Theory: Able to teach rhythm, pitch, scales, and notation to young students
- Ensemble Skills: Teaching students how to play together as a group, including aspects like listening, blending, and following a conductor
- Tone Production: Helping students develop a clear and pleasing tone on their instruments through proper breath support, embouchure, and technique
- Technique: Teaching students' proper hand and finger positioning, articulation, and other instrumental techniques necessary for playing their instruments effectively
- Instrument Maintenance: Teaching students' basic maintenance and care for their instruments
- Performance Preparation.
- Bonus points for the ability to write and/or arrange music for a group's abilities

Contact:

Please direct all inquiries to Robert Ford, president@vems.ca. Please include musical resume and contact information.

The Vancouver Extracurricular Music Society

- VEMS is a BC nonprofit society dedicated to bringing more music to more children.



