

How to Find a Job Teaching Music

Dear Prospective Music Teacher:

This is in response to your inquiry regarding music teaching positions in the state of Connecticut. If you have studied at a Connecticut university, your university placement service is usually a helpful source for job openings. If you are a member of the Connecticut Music Educators Association (CMEA) you are entitled to take advantage of the "jobs board" at the CMEA annual in-service conference (usually in March). For further information about the annual conference contact [CMEA](#).

One important on-line source of job information is Connecticut Regional Applicant and Placement Program ([CTREAP](#)). Another source of openings is the [Connecticut Education Association](#), which posts openings to the Internet. An alternate way for you to learn of positions is to send inquiries directly to school districts. You can obtain a copy of the most current list of school districts and district administrators by calling our Public Information office at (860) 713-6543 or checking our web site at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2604&Q=322336>.

Another way to learn of openings is to consult the classified ads in Connecticut's largest newspaper, [The Hartford Courant](#), particularly the Sunday edition. If this paper is not available in your local library, call the Courant at (860) 525-5555.

The process of becoming certified to teach in Connecticut involves passing the Educational Testing Service's two Music Praxis II modules, and completing several other steps. For further information about certification:

CT State Department of Education
Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification
450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 503
Hartford, CT 06103
E-Mail: teacher.cert@ct.gov
860-713-6969 (12-4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday)

Connecticut is a scenic state, with a tradition of outstanding public schools. The state is a national leader in educational improvement, resulting in the nation's highest scores in areas such as reading, writing, mathematics and science. *Teacher salaries in Connecticut are the highest in the country*, and many districts give applicants credit for prior teaching experience. The state boasts an unusual number of cultural and recreational opportunities, and there are many more in nearby locations such as Boston, Tanglewood, and New York City.

Best wishes as you pursue your interest in teaching here.