



MONTCLAIR KIMBERLEY ACADEMY

STEM+ Explorers Elective Teacher: Audio Engineering/Music Making

Position Type: Part-Time, 1–4 week position

Program Dates: July 6 – July 31, 2026

Orientation: June 18, 2026 (9 AM – 3 PM)

Location: Inquiry & Innovation Center, MKA Upper School Campus, Montclair, NJ

Position Summary

Montclair Kimberley Academy (MKA), an innovative PK – 12 independent day school with a strong national reputation, seeks innovative and enthusiastic teachers to design and deliver engaging summer programming for middle school students. The STEM+ Explorers Summer Program offers an inspirational enrichment experience — not summer school or academic acceleration — where students deepen curiosity and creativity through hands-on learning.

This role focuses on Audio Engineering and Music Making, guiding students through hands-on audio creation and production. Students will use tools like GarageBand and SoundTrap to capture, manipulate, and edit sounds, producing original audio works. Each week will feature a unique theme to inspire creativity and exploration.

Strand Overview: Audio Engineering / Music Making

- Learn audio recording and editing using GarageBand and SoundTrap.
- Explore sound design, music composition, and creative audio production.
- Collaborate with peers to create and refine original audio projects.



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- Apply weekly themes to inspire creative storytelling and sound experimentation.
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Responsibilities

- Design the Audio Engineering/Music Making curriculum in collaboration with STEM+ Directors during the school year.
 - Create and submit a supply and technology needs list (within budget) to the Director of Summer Operations by May 1, 2026.
 - Attend pre-program orientation on June 18, 2026.
 - Teach the *Filmmaking/Stop Motion/Animation* elective according to the summer schedule. This will be a 50-minute morning class, 5 days per week. The number of sections offered will be dependent on learner enrollment.
 - Communicate with families about student progress and daily activities.
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Requirements

- Availability for full program dates (July 6 – July 31, 2026), including June 18 orientation.
- Participation in planning meetings with STEM+ Directors during the school year.
- Ability to teach middle school students hands-on audio production and music-making skills.
- Strong organizational skills to manage technology, supplies, and classroom safety.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.



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- Collaborative mindset and flexibility in a dynamic summer program setting.
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Candidate Qualifications

Required

- Bachelor's degree in Music, Audio Engineering, Media, Education, or a related field.
- Prior teaching experience with middle school students (classroom, enrichment, or summer program).
- Experience with digital audio workstations (e.g., GarageBand, SoundTrap) and audio production tools.

Preferred

- Experience designing curriculum or project-based learning experiences.
 - Familiarity with sound design, music composition, or digital audio production.
 - CPR/First Aid certification.
 - Passion for teaching creative, technology-driven enrichment activities.
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Application Process

Interested candidates should submit their application via email.

Applications should include the following:

- cover letter that addresses what interests you about working at Montclair Kimberley Academy
- current curriculum vitae
- brief statement describing your teaching philosophy
- three letters of recommendation, at least one of which discusses qualities that will support your role as a teacher



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Applicants should send all requested materials by email to Monica Masterson, Director of Summer Operations: mmasterson@mka.org

It is MKA's policy to provide equal employment opportunity to all qualified persons regardless of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, or disability not related to the requirements for being a successful employee at MKA.