

Dr. Cox and Board of Trustees:

The Pit Orchestra Director is the person responsible for gathering and rehearsing musicians that perform the live music with the school's annual musical theater production. The pit director is also directly responsible for conducting the orchestra and cast for the live performances of the musical in addition to providing supplementary vocal and artistic coaching for the overall production. The pit director serves on the audition team along with the artistic director to cast actors in the show. When the music books come in, the orchestra rehearses separately, outside of school time until a few days before the public performances when the orchestra and cast combine to rehearse together. The pit orchestra personnel average about 15 students and the musical production involves 50-80 people depending on the show and the year. I spend not less than 50 hours a year outside of contract time directly working with students on this project. Attached is a sample calendar for the rehearsal and performance schedule which does not include auditions and casting.

Thank you for your consideration

Brett Barker

Musical theater orchestra director