



KINGSWOOD OXFORD

Upper School Chair of Performing Arts
Kingswood Oxford School
West Hartford, CT

Starting August 2026

Kingswood Oxford is seeking an Upper School Chair of Performing Arts who is passionate, innovative, and collaborative – an educator who models a growth mindset and is committed to equity-focused pedagogy. In addition to having a strong educational background and teaching experience in Performing Arts, successful candidates will be technologically savvy, have experience with curriculum design, and model best teaching practices. Candidates should also understand the importance of involvement in the community, student engagement and empowerment, ongoing professional development, and authentic collaboration with other faculty and staff to advance the school's mission and strategic vision.

Optimal teaching candidates at Kingswood Oxford embody the following standards of excellence that demonstrate a commitment to our community:

- Fosters a safe, predictable, and supportive environment for students
- Embraces KO's commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging
- Creates a culture of learning
- Maintains professional credentials
- Engages authentically in KO's faculty growth program

Curricularly, successful candidates should have a background in teaching Public Speaking and Acting. Successful candidates will integrate real-world applications, student choice, and community/industry connections to enhance their curriculum's relevance and impact.

The position involves multiple parts:

- Chair the Upper School Performing Arts Department (theatre, music, dance)
- Teach 3 classes in Public Speaking and Acting
- Direct the Upper School musical in the winter season
- Oversee the Upper School after-school dance program in the fall
- Direct the Upper School fall theatre production
- Supervise and collaborate with the Technical Director to support all school productions, events, and assemblies

- Advise a small (6-8) group of students

The Director reports to the Head of the Upper School and works in close partnership with faculty across the arts and across the school's divisions.

Located in West Hartford, Connecticut, Kingswood Oxford is a coeducational, independent day school for motivated students in grades 6-12. KO actively seeks to attract and welcome a diverse population of students, faculty, and staff, including differences in race, color, religion, nationality or ethnic origin, gender expression, gender identity, and sexual orientation. At KO, we believe that a diversity of ideas and perspectives enriches our community and improves our understanding. We continually work to increase equity and access within our learning community and seek candidates who are similarly committed to this work. If you would like to join us in this work, we welcome your application.

More information can be found at <https://www.kingswoodoxford.org/>

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to jobopenings@kingswoodoxford.org.

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