

Employment Opportunity -- 6th Grade Humanities & Advisor

We are seeking a warm, experienced, and innovative Humanities teacher to join our middle school teaching team. The successful applicant will enjoy working in a collaborative environment and embrace an inquiry-based and developmental approach to teaching children. The ideal candidate will understand how to provide differentiated and extended learning experiences within the context of a progressive school and use a variety of teaching strategies to engage students in learning. Experience and familiarity with an integrated approach to teaching Language and Arts and Social Studies is

essential, as is a comfort with the messiness of a child-centered process. A love of learning and early adolescents, and a willingness to support unique and unpredictable learning journeys by students will help you thrive within our organization. This is a full-time, five day per week position.

Attributes

- Commitment to professional development and a growth mindset
- Hardworking, organized, communicative, and reliable
- Ability to model professional and ethical standards when working with students and families
- Sense of humor, authentic empathy, warmth, and collegiality
- Desire and ability to contribute to student and community life inside and outside the classroom
- Commitment to social justice and fostering culturally competent and inclusive classrooms

Responsibilities

- Design and deliver inquiry-driven Humanities curriculum and instruction that includes both discrete and interdisciplinary units in LA & SS, providing a balanced literacy program
- Collaborate with colleagues to design integrated curriculum and projects
- Create a classroom space that is engaging and responsive
- Lead an advisory program based upon social-emotional growth, executive-functioning competencies, and service-learning opportunities
- Integrate technology as appropriate to support learning and deepen projects
- Identify and respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs, including learning differences
- Coordinate field trips to enrich curriculum
- Plan, design, and implement authentic assessment of student progress
- Write progress reports and conference with parents
- Use documentation to make learning visible to the children and families

Requirements

- Teaching Credential and/or MEd
- A minimum of five years of Humanities classroom teaching experience preferred
- Experience with progressive pedagogy, student-centered teaching, project-based learning, integrated curriculum planning, and authentic measures of student learning
- A commitment to creating an inclusive classroom community that allows for a multitude of perspectives to be heard and respected
- A love of working with students and creating a joyful learning environment required

We have been in-person since October, following our extensive COVID-19 prevention plan.

Blue Oak School offers a challenging and stimulating education to children of diverse backgrounds and interests. Through the culture and community of the School, teachers nurture the development of character and foster confidence, creativity, flexibility and curiosity in each child. Blue Oak School does not discriminate on the basis of age, gender, race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual or gender identity in its hiring processes and actively promotes the principles and practices of diversity throughout the school community. We offer competitive compensation and a progressive community dedicated to learning and engaged citizenship.

Candidates should submit a resume, cover letter, and references to jobs@blueoakschool.org