

WILLOW OAK MONTESSORI: A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

JOB DESCRIPTION: ART TEACHER

Description:

Willow Oak Montessori is a collaborative community of professionals passionate about equitably inspiring every child in an individualized learning journey. The Art Teacher is an important member of our team, helping our students to develop an appreciation for the visual arts and basic visual art skills. The Art Teacher will help develop and implement a course of study approved by school administration and aligned with the North Carolina Essential Standards for Arts Education. S/he will provide both direct instruction to students and will partner with classroom teachers to incorporate visual art activities into the prepared classroom environments, as appropriate. The Art Teacher will demonstrate an enthusiasm and passion for teaching visual art skills to all students. S/he will exhibit a positive, optimistic attitude; treat all students in a fair and equitable manner; and communicate effectively with parents, colleagues and the community. S/he will embrace diversity, create a learning environment that fosters respectful interactions with peers and adults from all cultures and belief systems, and prepare students to become independent and responsible global citizens.

Classification: Instructional

Contract Type: Part-time (15 hours per week; Full-Time may be possible by combining with other duties)

Contract Term: 10 months

Position Reports To: Head of School

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university
- Understanding of and appreciation for the Montessori philosophy

Preferred:

- Valid NC K-12 Visual Arts Education teaching license
- Valid Montessori certificate from a MACTE-accredited training program
- Experience teaching elementary age students
- Applicants who have experienced oppression, discrimination, or other adversity in their lives who are willing to bring insights from those experiences to our team

Responsibilities:

Instruction

- Develop and obtain school administrator approval of a three year rotational course of study for Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary grades aligned with the NC Essential Standards for Arts Education.

- Plan appropriate weekly lessons for each grade span in accordance with the approved course of study.
- Implement planned lessons during scheduled Art Education time for each classroom.
- Partner with classroom teachers to integrate visual arts activities and materials into the prepared classroom environments.
- Adapt the curriculum to the needs of students with varying abilities and learning styles.
- Maintain classroom management practices established by the classroom teachers.
- Take all necessary and reasonable precautions to protect students, equipment, materials, and facilities throughout the school day.

Parent Relations

- Establish effective working relationships with all students and their families, paying particular attention to the barriers that students and families from traditionally disempowered populations face in fully participating in our community.
- Maintain regular communication with parents through email, newsletters, and phone calls, as needed.
- Respond to communications from parents within 24 hours.
- Participate in parent partnership events, as requested by the Head of School.

Professionalism

- Maintain a professional attitude toward students, parents, faculty, and the community at all times.
- Strive to be a desirable example for students in attitude, action, speech, and dress.
- Maintain confidentiality regarding all children, families, faculty, and the school as stated in the Willow Oak Montessori Confidentiality Agreement.
- Attend faculty meetings and perform other tasks/responsibilities that may be assigned by the Head of School.
- Comply with all policies and procedures included in the Personnel Handbook, Student Handbook, and any other policies and procedures that may be adopted by the Willow Oak Montessori Charter School Board of Directors.
- Abide by the American Montessori Society Code of Ethics and the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators.
- Engage in a continuing education program of study.