

## K-8 Art Teacher

The GreenMount School of Baltimore is seeking a part-time art teacher for grades Kindergarten to Eighth grade starting in the 2017-2018 school year.

Candidates should be highly skilled at creating a welcoming class environment that is both community oriented and respects individual student's abilities and needs. The ideal candidate is creative, flexible and spontaneous, comfortable with progressive pedagogy, the use of a variety of developmentally appropriate strategies, and is able to work creatively and collaboratively in a teaching team to develop and plan curricula.

The GreenMount School is a small independent school in Baltimore City with a student population of 119. Our mission is to provide a creative education for grades K through 8 – emphasizing multicultural, cooperative and experiential learning supported by strong family participation.

GMS students hone their skills in a range of disciplines to investigate three thematic topics a year. Recent themes have included "India," "Immigration, Industry, and Idealism: The Gilded Age in the U.S.," "Road to Revolution," "All the World's a Stage," "First Nations" and "From Caves to Canvas." Each theme culminates in a school-wide event produced and presented by the students. GMS students learn the value of being able to understand, appreciate, and get along with people from other cultures and backgrounds. While this can be a lifetime's work, we move our students in this direction through cultural studies, character education, and community service.

## Teaching responsibilities:

- Develop a curriculum, lesson plans, and instructional materials for teaching Foundations of Art to kindergarten through eighth grade students
- Mentor and assist middle school students in creating an Art Portfolio for admission to Baltimore School for the Arts high school
- Create a classroom community respecting the diverse needs of all students children through an understanding and implementation of progressive education philosophy
- Embrace teachable moments while understanding that children enjoy routine and planning accordingly to meet student needs
- Plan activities and projects that provide students with opportunities to build foundational art skills and critical thinking
- Observe and evaluate each individual student's academic and social and emotional growth, keeping appropriate records about the student interactions
- Prepare weekly, trimester and as needed student evaluations
- Communicate with parents and staff to discuss students' progress
- Collaborate with faculty for theme integration, theme event planning, field trips, Community
  Day activities and more
- Plan, practice, and execute demonstration of learning several times a year. Students create backdrops for Theme Events and other school performances.
- Welcome parent CO-OP help and classroom volunteers
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Head of School

#### Additional responsibilities:

- Perform assigned teacher duties such as recess and lunch duties
- Attend student study team meetings and scheduled professional days
- Attend school wide special events
- Other duties as assigned by the Head of School

## Required Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will be a warm, energetic, creative, and articulate individual, with an entrepreneurial work ethic. A Bachelor Degree in Art Education is highly desired as well as previous experience teaching in an independent school setting and an understanding of progressive education and arts integration.

- Outstanding communication skills, including classroom management and written communication are essential
- Previous experience with and knowledge of curriculum design
- Willingness to work hard and as part of a team toward a common goal
- Adaptable to space and schedule configurations within a day
- Genuine interest in serving The GreenMount School to help it be the best it can be

## Working Conditions:

Working conditions include sitting, sitting on the floor, standing for long periods of time, walking and light to moderate lifting that can include the movement of installations and other art equipment.

# Hours and Salary:

This position is part time position beginning August 2017. The position is approximately 15 hours/week. Salary range is comparable with small independent schools and negotiable depending on experience.

## Application Process:

Send letter of interest, resume, and at least three references (letters of recommendation or contact information for references). Materials may be sent by email.

Please email inquires with the subject line, "Art Teaching Position" to:

Liz Baker, Head of School The GreenMount School lbaker@greenmountschool.org

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