

Benchmark School is Accepting Applications for a Full Time Art Teacher Position (Beginning Sept. 2019)

Background information about Benchmark School:

Benchmark School is truly an amazing place to be. It is filled with creative students, supportive parents, and gifted staff members. It is both energizing and deeply fulfilling to help students grow as learners and individuals and then watch as they go on to thrive in school and life. There is nothing better than being committed to a meaningful mission and knowing that you are helping to transform students' futures by empowering them to succeed.

Founded in 1970, Benchmark School is an internationally-recognized independent, co-educational day school for bright children in grades 1-8 who learn differently (e.g., dyslexia, executive functioning difficulties, ADHD) or have yet to reach their academic potential. It is located on a 23-acre wooded campus in Media, PA, about 13 miles west of Philadelphia. Benchmark's mission is to help our students develop into confident and strategic thinkers, learners, and problem-solvers who take control of their own learning. Defining characteristics of the school include our fundamental commitment to excellence and research-based innovation. As a result of these emphases, our graduates are self-advocates who approach tasks strategically, think flexibly, demonstrate persistence and resilience, and meet with success in school and in life. For more information about the school visit Benchmark's web site at www.BenchmarkSchool.org

Position description:

In this full-time (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM daily) position, you serve as part of a talented and caring team of experts (e.g., supervisor, counselor, art teacher). Specific responsibilities for this position are: teaching students a variety of methods and approaches to learning the concepts and skills associated with art fundamentals, principles of composition, and aesthetic concepts; planning for each activity by ordering supplies, creating models, setting up and cleaning up; working with classrooms teachers on special projects; collaborating with the director of innovation and other teachers on cross-curricular design thinking projects; integrating 21st century skills into the art curriculum; painting and other tasks connected to the middle school musical production; after school art clubs. Major responsibilities for this position include:

- Creating a warm and supportive environment that fosters confidence, risk-taking, and respect for all
- Providing explicit instruction of thinking and learning strategies within an inquiry-based model
- Engaging students in the creative process while building a classroom culture in which students understand and feel excited about art, design, and art history
- Assessing students' strengths and challenges and scaffolding instruction accordingly
- Establishing routines, maintaining consistent expectations, and employing effective management techniques
- Providing clear communication with students and staff members in a positive, professional manner
- Demonstrating an openness to learning, growth, and change in accordance with the educational philosophy of Benchmark School
- Actively pursuing professional growth and development through attendance at professional development opportunities provided by Benchmark School and other professional development opportunities
- Maintaining an organized and efficient student workspace

Qualifications:

Key qualities include:

- Bachelor's degree in Art Education required
- Experience teaching elementary and middle school art and art history
- Experience integrating 21st century skills into art instruction
- Pennsylvania public school certification or Private Academic School certification in Art Education required
- Ability to work well with a team
- Effective communicator, both verbally and in writing, with colleagues and parents
- Enthusiastic interest in teaching, motivating, and mentoring students
- A role model for students

Salary:

Salary is competitive for this head-teacher position.

Application Process:

Applications will be reviewed on an on-going basis until the position is filled. Interested applicants should complete the application form online at

<https://www.benchmarkschool.org/about/resources/employment-opportunities>, including:

- A letter of application describing why you are a good fit for the position
- A current resume
- Digital portfolio of your own work and digital examples of student work
- Three professional references including names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses