



# Middle School Science Teacher

## Start Date: August 2021



Lower School Campus (Nursery-Grade 5) • 228 Old Gulph Road • Wynnewood, PA 19096

City Avenue Campus (Grades 6-12) • 1101 City Avenue • Wynnewood, PA 19096

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## **Friends' Central School Overview**

Friends' Central School is an independent, coeducational Quaker day school founded in 1845 and serving approximately 750 students in Nursery through grade 12. Located in the Philadelphia suburbs, the School has two campuses. The Middle & Upper Schools are located just outside of West Philadelphia in Wynnewood, and the Lower School is on our Old Gulph Road campus in the heart of Wynnewood.

The exceptional faculty at Friends' Central offers a curriculum that cultivates the intellectual, spiritual, and ethical growth of our students. Our pedagogy is grounded in continuing revelation, reflection, integrity, and a willingness to accept responsibility. From Nursery to grade 12, our students participate in a process designed to foster creative, critical, and flexible thinking, along with compassion. As they transform from playful children to skilled, self-possessed teenagers, they are always intellectually curious and engaged thinkers. Friends' Central prepares graduates to succeed in college and in life.

## **Middle School Science Teacher**

Friends' Central School seeks a Middle School Science teacher for a full-time position beginning in August 2021. In addition to having a professional and educational background in science, ideal candidates will demonstrate knowledge of and experience in hands-on and integrated science learning; be highly motivated, hard-working, collaborative, and flexible; demonstrate a desire to learn; show initiative; and have a sense of humor. This is a 10-month, exempt position reporting to the Middle School Principal.

### **Essential responsibilities of this classroom teacher role include:**

- Teaching four sections of science (12-14 students each)
- Continuing to develop and coordinate our science curricula with other faculty
- Encouraging a love of science and understanding of how science impacts our daily lives
- Staying current with best practices in teaching, including culturally responsive teaching, incorporating technology, and differentiating instruction
- Demonstrating an ongoing commitment to anti-racist and anti-bias pedagogy and practices
- Determining learning goals and designing coherent instruction and assessment accordingly
- Building community and engagement within the classroom and demonstrating clear and affirming classroom
- Understanding the developmental needs of students in grades 6-8 and serving as an enthusiastic guide to these students
- Having the mindset and ability to work in partnership with students' caregivers
- Possessing excellent interpersonal, communication, and writing skills
- Writing progress reports four times each school year



In addition to classroom teaching, candidates should be prepared to:

- Be an advisor to a small group of students (10-12 students); overseeing their general well-being at school and serving as their advocate and supporter
- Collaborate with the Learning Specialist and School Counselor as necessary to promote student success
- Facilitate Middle School programming, such as clubs and affinity groups
- Coach at least one season of Middle School sports
- Participate in Middle School committee work
- Supervise students during lunch, recess, and dismissal (these responsibilities are on a rotating basis) and chaperone trips/events
- Understand and be committed to the School's Quaker values and mission
- Enhance the School's commitment to diversity and inclusivity as outlined in our [Diversity Statement](#)

### Qualifications:

- At least 3-5 years' experience teaching
- Bachelor's degree in a related field (advanced degree preferred)
- Passion for working with Middle School students
- Demonstrated knowledge of current research around teaching and learning

**Please note:** Due to COVID-19 and the unknowns of the 2021-2022 school year, all applicants need to be prepared to teach in-person, in a hybrid schedule (toggling between in person or virtual learning), and completely virtually using Canvas & videoconferencing.

For more information on Friends' Central School, please visit [www.friendscentral.org](http://www.friendscentral.org).

To apply, please submit a cover letter, current resume, and three references. Please send those materials, with your files clearly named, to [careers@friendscentral.org](mailto:careers@friendscentral.org).

Friends' Central School seeks candidates with a commitment to fostering an inclusive learning community who will address issues of diversity, as well as enhance the Philosophy of Inclusivity and Awareness articulated in our [Diversity Statement](#).

