

Lower and Middle School Art Teacher

Reports to: Director of Middle School and Director of Lower School

Full-time | 10 month position for the 2021-2022 school year | Exempt

St. George's Episcopal School is a coeducational, independent school serving approximately 375 students from age one through eighth grade and employing approximately 100 faculty and staff. Here, each child grows academically, creatively, emotionally and spiritually while developing a sense of self-worth and moral responsibility. This is a family-like atmosphere of care and concern with a highly trained and dedicated faculty. Educational excellence at St. George's begins with the simple premise that each child is unique—that is, each child's strengths are worth cultivating and celebrating, and each child's challenges are worth identifying and embracing, for only then will grit and perseverance accompany growth and development. This is why our graduates develop into lifelong learners and consequently find acceptance and success in the finest high schools in New Orleans. This is also why our parents, grandparents, alumni, friends and students have an enduring love for the school.

Position Summary:

St. George's is seeking an experienced Lower and Middle School Art Teacher. St. George's has small class sizes and emphasizes differentiation for our students' strengths and challenges. We recognize that every child is a unique learner. He/She will report directly to the Directors of Lower and Middle School and will also receive feedback and assignments from the Creative Arts Department Chair.

Job Responsibilities:

- Teach Visual Arts classes to students in Lower and Middle School (specific grade levels determined each year as schedules are set)
- Develop and maintain a dynamic and functioning Art Studio and maintain inventory of supplies
- Facilitate enrichment clusters and possibly teach Talented and Gifted (TAG) classes
- Honor occasional commitments outside school hours, such as curating and attending StG art shows and organizing off-site art installations (e.g. at Celebration in the Oaks or at Louisiana Children's Museum)
- Maintain diverse and high quality art displays around the school's campus
- Complete progress reports/report cards 3-4 times a year for students
- Effectively communicate students' progress and needs with parents and teaching team
- Provide a variety of ongoing assessments
- Manage time to meet deadlines and adhere to a daily schedule and structure classes to maximize opportunities for student learning
- Foster student learning by including students in their educational plans
- Lead students to use their own critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Guide classroom behavior through respect and a positive approach
- Collaborate with other teachers to regularly support students' educational needs
- Consult with outside professionals as needed to support students' educational progress
- Lead an Advisory group of Middle School students every day

- Attend Middle School functions such as chapel and assemblies on a weekly basis
- Perform Middle School duties, such as lunch and carpool duties, multiple times a week
- Be an active member in the life of the St. George's community

Qualification Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in art and/or education required; teaching certificate preferred
- At least two years of experience working with children
- Knowledge of visual arts curriculums and assessments
- Familiarity with a variety of art processes and materials, including painting, drawing, ceramics, printmaking, fiber arts and mixed media
- Knowledge of operating and maintaining a kiln
- Proficiency with Google Apps, Microsoft Office and technology-based educational tools
- Ability to work well in a team and collaborate
- Outstanding organizational and time management skills
- Exceptional oral and written communication skills which prove effective in communicating with parents and establishing a team approach with the child's family
- Excellent knowledge of child development, latest education theories and practices and current trends in education and professional development
- A desire to respond to and initiate the solving of problems through clear and open conversation
- Openness to feedback and ability to take risks
- Flexibility and willingness to adapt to an evolving program
- Strong interest in pursuing professional development opportunities; dedicated to lifelong learning and possessing a growth mindset

Working Conditions / Physical Demands:

- Must be physically able to operate computers and office equipment.
- Occasional bending, reaching, squatting, kneeling and twisting; constant walking, speaking and listening; frequent sitting, often on the floor.
- Occasional lifting up to 40lbs.

St. George's Episcopal School as an Equal Opportunity Employer

St. George's aims to employ a collaborative, creative, joyful and diverse faculty and staff. We hire without consideration to race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, disability or any other category protected by applicable law. We are committed to an inclusive school culture and to recruiting and hiring faculty of diverse backgrounds and experience.

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to Perrin Jones, Director of Middle School, at Perrin.Jones@stgnola.org