

**Job Posting
First Grade Teacher
Westlake Christian School**

Westlake Christian School, a National Blue Ribbon School and the premier private school in northern Pinellas County and southern Pasco County, is seeking a highly motivated, engaged, and passionate First Grade Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year due to the expansion of the grade level.

Westlake is seeking ideal candidates who have the ability to articulate a Biblical worldview and consider themselves to be 21st Century educators who embrace current best practices. Candidates should possess a desire to grow within a professional learning community and be enthusiastic about teaching and learning. Candidates should exhibit a passion for teaching and working with children and uphold the highest standards of excellence professionally and personally. Candidates should be willing to collaborate with staff members and families and be reflective practitioners.

Additional Selection Criteria for Prospective Teachers

- Proficient in the use and integration of technology in the classroom, including SMART Board Technology.
- Experience in teaching the writing workshop approach
- Values differentiated instruction
- Skilled in running records and the use of benchmark data
- Demonstrates strong written and verbal skills
- Knows and applies knowledge of current professional literature and best practices
- Evidences excellent verbal communication skills
- Exhibits strong problem-solving skills
- Shows skill and sensitivity in working with all members of the school community
- Willing to contribute regularly to school community activities
- Master's degree preferred
- Experienced teachers preferred

Westlake Christian School is accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Cognia, and is a member of the Association of Christian Schools International.

For consideration, candidates should send a cover letter and **resume, philosophy of education and statement of faith** to Mrs. Beverly Wakefield at bwakefield@westlakechristianschool.org or Westlake Christian School, 1551 Belcher Road, Palm Harbor, Florida 34683.