



WESTRIDGE SCHOOL

5th Grade Teacher

Westridge School is an independent day school for girls located in Pasadena, California. Founded in 1913, the school has an enrollment of approximately 500 girls in grades 4 through 12 and has a long-standing reputation for the excellence of its academic program. Westridge is committed to educating intellectually adventurous thinkers, and courageous, compassionate leaders. Westridge is a vibrant and diverse community that is grounded in the commitment to goodness in all aspects of life and learning. Students are encouraged to learn and thrive in new ways, to try new things, and to be resilient. The school balances challenging academics and a focus on leadership development with a deeply engrained culture that prioritizes physical and emotional wellness and treating yourself, others, and the world with integrity, respect, responsibility, and inclusion. At Westridge, girls gain the confidence and courage to stand up and speak for the ideals of responsibility and integrity as they take their places in an ever-changing world.

Westridge is seeking an experienced 5th grade teacher to join our team of dedicated faculty members. This teacher will collaborate with other lower school grade-level teachers on interdisciplinary units and can confidently teach math concepts. The ideal candidate will have the potential and willingness to contribute beyond the classroom. The 5th grade teacher will inspire and challenge our students through the mission of the school. This position reports to the director of lower and middle school.

Specific Responsibilities Include:

- Develop new and adapt existing curricular units, with a focus on math learning standards, concepts, and skills
- Convey enthusiasm for content and intellectual inquiry
- Design instruction that emphasizes critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaborate with colleagues to enrich curriculum and instruction
- Maintain grade-level webpage
- Manage collaborative learning groups within the classroom
- Integrate grade-specific technology skills into language arts and history units; Westridge is a 1:1 laptop environment
- Create hands-on, project-based learning experiences
- Model flexibility in implementing best learning practices
- Support the well-being of all students
- Enthusiastic participation in the greater life of the school, particularly extracurricular activities such as a homeroom (advisor) teacher or spectator and chaperone
- Collaborate effectively with students, teachers, administrators, staff, and parents
- Participate regularly in professional development opportunities to maintain and grow expertise in the subject matter'
- Participate in ongoing skill development in diversity and equity to promote a culture of community and inclusion
- Build skills and provide opportunities that help recognize, respect, and embrace diversity of all kinds, and contribute to a culture of inclusion
- Willingness to take on other duties as needed

Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree required
- 3 years' experience preferred
- Previous experience working with upper elementary (grades 4-8) students, preferably in an all-girls environment
- Excellent interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated experience and skill in the effective use of technology and integrating technological applications in the classroom
- Previous experience developing and implementing diversity responsive curriculum to improve teaching and student learning
- Collaborative and collegial attitude
- Diligent and well-organized work habits
- Possess a strong commitment to the mission and vision of Westridge School

Physical Demands

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions:

- Ability to work both indoors and outdoors as required (i.e., field trips, overnight trips).

Schedule and Salary

This is a full-time exempt position and is eligible for Westridge's comprehensive benefits package that includes paid time off, medical, vision, dental, and generous retirement plan. Office hours are 7:50am-3:30pm; with flexibility to work evenings and weekends when necessary. Salary range depends on qualifications and experience.

To Apply

Send cover letter, resume, and references to Jobs@Westridge.org. Include "5th Grade Teacher" in the subject line.

Westridge School is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants are evaluated without consideration of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. For more information: www.Westridge.org.